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International Ministerial Meeting on Education Sector Responses to Violence Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression

17-18 May 2016, Room XI, UNESCO HQ, Paris

Organized by the Division of Inclusion, Peace and Sustainable Development Education Sector, UNESCO, with the support of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Kingdom of Norway

Programme for Participants

The registration desk will be available outside of room XI, Level -1 (entrance, Place de Fontenoy) on Tuesday 18 May 2016, from 11:00 to 12.45.

Simultaneous interpretation English-French-Spanish will be available for all sessions (except the side meetings for which simultaneous interpretation will be available in English-French).

Day 1 – Tuesday 17 May 2016

11:00-12:45 *Registration*

13:00-15:15 **Plenary Session 1 – Launch of the Global Report on education sector responses to violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression (Room XI)**

Opening speeches

- Mr Getachew Engida, UNESCO Deputy Director-General
- Ms Jet Bussemaker, Minister of Education, Culture and Science, The Netherlands / Ministerial Chairperson of the Meeting
- Ms Kate Gilmore, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Ms Elin Lilijenblad, Board Member of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Youth and Student Organisation (IGLYO).

Short break

Screening of film featuring young LGBTI people who were targets of violence in school, produced by IGLYO.

Presentation of data and recommendations included in the Global Report

School Community panel

This panel will provide testimonials and perspectives of the school community on the nature and impact of violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression in schools. It will include personal experiences by a student who has experienced this type of violence, a mother of a transgender girl, a guidance and counselling teacher, and a school principal.

Chairperson: Dr. Eliza Byard, Executive Director, Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN), USA

Panelists:

- Ms Evelyn Myriam Silva Riveros, Parent, Chile
- Dimitri Ouardighi, President, Le Collectif des Associations Etudiantes LGBT d'Ile-de-France (Caélif), France
- Ms Susi Fitri, Chairperson, Indonesia's Guidance & Counseling Association, Indonesia

Ministerial panel

Ministers from various regions will present examples of promising practices and policies from their respective countries as well as challenges they have faced.

Introductory remarks by Mr Qian Tang, Assistant Director General for Education, UNESCO

Chairperson: Ms Jet Bussemaker, Minister of Education, Culture and Science, The Netherlands

Panelists:

- Mr Kihei Maekawa, Deputy Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan
- Ms Helena Dalli, Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta
- Dr Phineas Langa Magagula, Minister of Education and Training, Swaziland

- Ms Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary, United States Department of Education-Office for Civil Rights, USA

15:15-16:00

Coffee/tea break (outside room XI)

16:00-18:00

Session 2: Concurrent thematic roundtables

This session is comprised of four thematic roundtables on key elements of a comprehensive education sector response to violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

Roundtable I - Culturally sensitive approaches to address violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression (Room XI)

Chairperson: Mr Paul Andrianaina Rabary, Minister of Education, Madagascar

Rapporteur: Mr Michael Van Gelderen, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR

Panelists:

- Ms Helena Dalli, Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta
- Mr Jovan Kojicic, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Human Rights and Protection from discrimination, and National Coordinator for LGBT policy, Montenegro
- Ms Ayesha Wentworth, Deputy Director, Diagnostic and Advisory Services, Ministry of Education, Namibia
- Mr Ryan V. Silverio, Regional Coordinator, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Sexual orientation and Gender Identity/Expression Caucus, the Philippines

Roundtable II – Prevention of violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression: curricula, teacher training and partnerships with civil society (Room IX)

Chairperson: Dr Tiffany Jones, Associate Professor, La Trobe University, Australia

Rapporteur: Mr Tran Khac Tung, Director, ICS Center, Cambodia

Panelists:

- Ms Hilde Crevits, Vice Minister-President of the Government of Flanders and Flemish Minister of Education, Belgium
- Ms Helen Kennedy, Executive Director, Egale, Canada
- Ms Manisha Dhakal, Executive Director, Blue Diamond Society, Nepal

- Mr Jose Ramallo, Coordinator, Education Commission, Ovejas Negras, Uruguay

Roundtable III – Effective interventions to address violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression: support mechanisms, reporting and monitoring (Room VI)

Chairperson: Ms Sonia Mora Escalante, Minister of Education, Costa Rica

Rapporteur: Ms Sophie Aujean, Senior Policy and Programme Officer, International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) - Europe

Panelists:

- Ms Sohini Chakrabarti, Student, and Ms Shivane Sen, Assistant Counsellor and Project Mentor, Tagore International School, India
- Ms Samantha Pidgeon, Vice President, Queensland Teachers Union, Australia
- Mr Theodosios Pelegrinis, Alternate Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Greece
- Ms Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary-United States Department of Education-Office for Civil Rights, USA
- Mr Joe Kosciw, Chief Research & Strategy Officer, GLSEN, USA

Roundtable IV – Specific needs of transgender students (Room VIII)

Chairperson: Mr Richard Kölher, Deputy Executive Director, Transgender Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Tamara Adrian, President of the Committee of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO-T) and of the Board of Directors of Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE)

Panelists:

- Mr Jimmy Chotidhanitsakul, President and co-founder, Transmen Alliance of Thailand, Thailand
- Ms Mandy Buhagiar, Policy Coordinator, Ministry of Education, Malta and Ms Gabriella Calleja, Coordinator, The Malta Gay Rights Movement, Malta
- Ms Sally Richardson, National Program Director, Safe Schools Coalition Australia, Australia
- Mr Fergus McMillan, Chief Executive, LGBT Youth Scotland, United Kingdom

- Mr Ricardo Vallarino, Representative, 100% Diversidad y Derechos, Argentina

18:30-21:00

Reception for participants hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Costa Rica, Restaurant, 7th floor

Day 2 – Wednesday 18 May 2016

9:00-9:45

Plenary Session 2: Reports from the four concurrent thematic roundtables on day 1 (Room XI)

This session will provide a summary of the discussions from the 4 thematic roundtables the previous day.

Moderator: Ms Victoria Kisaakye, Regional Programme Coordinator for HIV & Health Education, UNESCO Regional Support Team for Eastern & Southern Africa

9:45-10:30

Plenary Session 3: Emerging data and trends (Room XI)

This session will share emerging data on violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression from selected countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Chairperson: Ms You-Kyung Han, Director, Institute of School Violence Prevention College of Education, Ewha Womans University, South Korea

Short presentations followed by discussion.

- Southern Africa: Mr Anthony Brown, Senior University Lecturer for Life Orientation, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

Findings from a regional study (2015) on *Gender, Diversity and Violence in Schools* in Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia. South Africa and Swaziland.

- Latin America: Mr Julio Dantas, Founder, Fundación Todo Mejora, Chile and Lina Cuellar Wills, Director, Sentiido, Colombia

Preliminary findings from a civil society-led school climate survey focusing on prevalence of violence and perceptions by LGBT youth, conducted in seven countries in Latin America coordinated by Todo Mejora - Chile and supported by GLSEN's global initiative (2016).

- Trinidad and Tobago: Mr Omar Mohammed, National coordinator, UNESCO ASPnet Trinidad and Tobago

Preliminary findings from the first national survey on bullying, school violence and LGBT inclusion.

10:30-11:00 *Coffee/tea break (outside room XI)*

11:00-11:45 **Plenary session 3 (continued): Emerging data and trends**

- Cambodia: Mr Nuon Sidara, Coordinator, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Cambodia Centre for Human Rights (CCHR), Cambodia

Findings from a report entitled “LGBT Bullying in Cambodia's Schools”

- China: Mr Xu Bin, Director, Common Language, China and Mr Yang Shi, President, China LGBT Youth Network, China

Findings from a national survey (2016) on school environment for LGBTI students in China

- Japan: Mr Boris Dittrich, Advocacy Director, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Program, Human Rights Watch (HRW)

Findings from HRW research on the nature and scope of homophobic and transphobic violence in schools in Japan (2016)

12:00-13:30 *Lunch break*

Closed-door working lunch of Ministers or their designated representative to discuss the “*Call for Action by Ministers*” (Restaurant, 7th floor)

13:30-14:00 **Plenary Session 4 - Affirming commitments by stakeholders (Room XI)**

Presentation of the final text of the “*Call for Action by Ministers*” and Affirmation ceremony

Statement of support from other stakeholders (TBC)

14:00-15:00 **Plenary session 5 - The way forward and closing remarks (Room XI)**

Moderator: Ms Soo Hyang Choi, Director of the Division for Inclusion, Peace and Sustainable Development, Education Sector, UNESCO

The way forward

- Ms Tamara Adrian, President of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO-T) Committee and of the Board of Directors of GATE
- Ms Sylvie Barcelo, Vice Minister, Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports of Québec, Canada

- Ms Sonia Mora Escalante, Minister of Education, Costa Rica

Closing remarks

- Ms Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children
- Mr Qian Tang, Assistant Director General for Education, UNESCO

Official photo with Ministers or their designated representative who affirmed the “*Call for Action by Ministers*”

15:00-15:30 *Coffee/tea break (outside room XI)*

Two concurrent private side meetings (on invitation only) will take place between 15:30 and 17:30:

- ❖ Side meeting for European Ministers and government officials organized jointly by the Council of Europe and UNESCO (see separate agenda) (Room VI)
- ❖ Side meeting of civil society organizations (Room IX)

UNESCO would like to thank the young volunteers from the Collège Universitaire de Sciences Politiques and the following French LGBT organizations who are supporting the organization of the meeting: Caélif (Collectif des associations étudiantes LGBT d'Ile-de-France), le MAG Jeunes LGBT (Mouvement d’Affirmation des jeunes lesbiennes, Gais, Bi & Trans) and SOS homophobie.