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## “Learn to lead”- Education for Girls’ Empowerment and the Award Ceremony for the 2018 UNESCO Prize for Girls’ and Women’s Education

**UNESCO Headquarters, Room 1,  
125 avenue de Suffren, 75007 Paris  
Thursday, 11 October 2018  
18:30 – 21:30**

### Agenda

On the occasion of the celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child, UNESCO and Plan International France, with the support of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, are co-organizing an event on girls’ education under the theme: “Learn to lead”. The event will include a roundtable discussion and the Award Ceremony for the UNESCO Prize for Girls’ and Women’s Education. A reception will follow.

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<b>17:30- 18:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>18:30 – 18:40</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General (video message and symbolic takeover)*</li> <li>Mr Yvan Savy, General Director of Plan International France</li> <li>Mr Cyrille Pierre, Director of Sustainable Development, Directorate-General of Global Affairs, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France</li> </ul>
<b>18:40 – 18:45</b>	<i>Live Quiz facilitated by the “Plan des Jeunes” and launch of Plan International’s Girls’ Rights Platform</i>
<b>18:45 – 19:55</b>	<b>Roundtable</b> <b>Learn to Lead: What skills do girls need to be empowered socially and economically?</b> <i>The discussion will address girls’ education as a vessel of empowerment, in particular by looking at how key skills can empower girls to be leaders of their own lives.</i> <b>Panelists:**</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sakshi, beneficiary of a Plan International vocational training program, India</li> <li>Mr Mohamed Abderahman, Misr El-Kheir Foundation, Egypt, 2018 Laureate, UNESCO Prize for Girls’ and Women’s Education</li> <li>Dr Zoe Simpson, Women’s Centre of Jamaica Foundation, Jamaica, 2018 Laureate, UNESCO Prize for Girls’ and Women’s Education</li> <li>Diane, young leader, Plan des Jeunes, France</li> <li>Mr Gilles Vermot Desroches, Director of Sustainable Development Department, Schneider, France</li> <li>Ibrahima, young leader and Chair of national youth advisory council, Guinea</li> <li>Ms Véronique Sauvat, Education Division, French Development Agency, France</li> </ul> <i>Conclusion by Kadiatou, a young leader from Guinea</i>
<b>19:55 -20:00</b>	<b>Entertainment</b> : Beat boxing (teampirythm – Mr Thibaut Derathé)

\* Kadiatou, a young leader from Guinea standing for girls’ rights, will symbolically take over the role of Ms Azoulay as UNESCO DG. This takeover, initiated by Plan International France, aims to amplify girls’ voices and demonstrate the ability of girls and young women to be in positions of power.

\*\* First names only are provided for the young people participating in the roundtable to protect their privacy.

<b>Award Ceremony: UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education</b>	
<b>20:00 – 20:10</b>	<p>Chair of the ceremony: Mr Jordan Naidoo, Director, Division for Education 2030 Support and Coordination, Education Sector, UNESCO</p> <p>Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Message by Ms Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General delivered by Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO</li> <li>• Message by Professor Peng Liyuan, UNESCO Special Envoy for Girls' and Women's Education delivered by Mr Xuejun Tian, Vice Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China and Chairperson of the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO</li> <li>• Mr Xuejun Tian, Vice Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China and Chairperson of the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO</li> </ul>
<b>20:10 – 20:15</b>	<p><b>Introduction of the 2018 laureates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video introducing the projects of the two laureates</li> </ul>
<b>20:15 – 20:25</b>	<p><b>Awarding of the UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Mohamed Abdelrahman Misr El-Kheir Foundation, Egypt</li> <li>• Hon. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport of Jamaica Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation, Jamaica</li> </ul>
<b>20:25 – 20:30</b>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO</li> </ul>
<b>20:30 – 21:30</b>	<p><b>Reception offered by the Permanent Delegation of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO</b></p>

### Working Languages

English, French and Chinese with simultaneous interpretation

### About the Prize

The UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education honours outstanding and innovative practices advancing girls' and women's education, and in turn, improving the quality of their lives. Established in 2015, it is funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China and consists of two US\$ 50,000 awards to help further the work of laureates in this field.

This year, the Prize recognized projects supporting girls' education in some of the poorest villages of Egypt and helping Jamaican pregnant adolescent girls and mothers have a second chance to continue their education.

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