



2020 Global Education Meeting

Extraordinary Session on Education post-COVID-19 (online)

co-hosted by the Governments of Ghana, Norway, the United Kingdom and UNESCO

20 October 2020, 13:00–16:00 (CEST–Paris)

22 October 2020, 13:00–15:00 (CEST–Paris)

Provisional Programme

Technical Segment Tuesday, 20 October, 2020	
13:00-13:10	<p>Opening Moderator: Ms Valeriane Gauthier</p> <p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO - Baroness Sugg, UK Minister for Foreign Affairs and Development
13:10-14:40	<p>Breakout Session: Thematic discussion on priority actions <i>The technical segment will review the recommended priority actions of the 2020 GEM Declaration through thematic discussions and consolidate the Declaration to be presented to the high-level segment.</i></p>
Theme 1	<p>Protect domestic and international financing of education <i>While the COVID-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption of education systems in history, its impact on the world's economy is "a crisis like no other" with global growth in 2020 projected at -4.9% and the gross domestic product in advanced economies expected to decline by 8%. The governments need to maintain and even increase domestic financing and international aid to education now, as this investment will pay off and carry positive impact across the SDGs.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Andreas Schleicher, Director, OECD</p> <p>Opening presenter: Ms Alice Albright, Chief Executive Officer, Global Partnership for Education</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Dr Karimou Salimane, Minister of Nursery and Primary Education, Benin - H.E. Dr Hang Chuon Naron, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport, Cambodia - H.E. Ms Priya Manickchand, Minister of Education, Guyana - H.E. Dr Ansu Sonii, Minister of Education, Liberia - H.E. Dr Marwan Awartani, Minister of Education, Palestine - H.E. Ms Paula Villalta Olivares, Vice Minister of institutional Planning and Regional Coordination, Costa Rica - Mr David Coady, Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr David Archer, Founder and member of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE), Head of Programme Development, ActionAid <p>Rapporteur: Mr Manos Antoninis, Director of UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report</p> <p>Closing presenter: Ms Henriette Geiger, Director for People, Peace and Planet, DEVCO</p>
<p>Theme 2</p>	<p>Reopen schools safely</p> <p><i>As many countries start reopening schools, school hygiene and safety are the principal public health concern; however, the mental and psychological aspects are also crucial and require multi-dimensional policy and programmatic responses.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Suzanne Grant Lewis, Director, IIEP, UNESCO</p> <p>Opening presenter: Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO, HQ</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Ms Nalova Lyonga, Minister of Secondary Education, Cameroon - H.E. Mr Yasushi Taguchi, Assistant Minister & Director General for International Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan - H.E. Ms Fayval Williams, Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Jamaica - Ms Elsebeth Aller, Head of Secretariat, Ministry of Children and Education, Denmark - Dr Nicola Gray, UNESCO Chair in Global Health Education, UK <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Carmen Burbano, Director, Nutrition and School Feeding, World Food Programme (WFP)</p>
<p>Theme 3</p>	<p>Focus on inclusion, equity and gender equality</p> <p><i>The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and is expected to add new layers or to deepen, inequalities, marginalization and exclusion. Social and digital divides based on gender, ability, location, language, wealth and other characteristics have put the most disadvantaged at risk of learning loss and drop out. Experience also tells us that disease outbreaks have distinct gendered impacts, and that preparedness and response efforts must understand the gender dimensions of these crises to avert widening inequalities and seize opportunities to advance gender equality.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Nora Fyles, Head, UN Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) Secretariat</p> <p>Opening presenter: Professor Elaine Unterhalter, Co-Director of the Centre for Education & International Development, University College London, Institute of Education</p> <p>Speakers:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Ms Kandia Camara, Minister of National Education, Côte d'Ivoire - H.E. Mr Shafqat Mahmood, Federal Minister of Education and Professional Training, Pakistan - H.E. Mr Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, Minister of Education, Portugal - H.E. Mr Michael Browne, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Antigua and Barbuda - Mr Gianluca Grandi, Diplomatic Advisor of the Minister, Ministry of Education, Italy - Ms Alicia Herbert, Head of Children, Youth and Education Team, Foreign Commonwealth Development Office, United Kingdom - Dr. Koumbou Boly Barry, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education - Ms Diane Richler, Co-chair of the Global Action on Disability Network (GLAD) and Chair of the International Disability Alliance (IDA) <p>Rapporteur: Ms Vibeke Jensen, Director, Division for Peace and Sustainable Development, UNESCO</p>
<p>Theme 4</p>	<p>Reimagine teaching and learning</p> <p><i>As schools reopen, it will be critical to provide stronger support to teachers, including through continuing professional development, in particular in the area of ICTs; to place more attention on their social and emotional well-being; and ensure social dialogue to protect their rights and ensure they are actively engaged in shaping the educational recovery.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Ethel Agnes P Valenzuela, Director, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)</p> <p>Opening presenter: H.E. Mr Jai Bir Rai, Minister of Education, Royal Government of Bhutan</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Ms María Victoria Angulo, Minister of Education, Colombia - H.E. Ms Claudette Irere, Minister of State in charge of ICT and TVET, Rwanda - Mr Akwasi Addai Boahene, Chief Technical Advisor at Transforming Teacher Education and Learning, Republic of Ghana - Mr Jaime Saavedra, Global Director, Education, The World Bank (tbc) - Ms Karen Mundy, Professor, University of Toronto - Ms Yara Ramadan, youth activist, Palestine <p>Rapporteur: Ms Yumiko Yokozeki, Director, UNESCO-IICBA</p>
<p>Theme 5</p>	<p>Harness equitable connectivity and technologies for learning</p> <p><i>As learning and schooling move deeper into virtual environments largely owned and controlled by private for-profit companies, governments need to consider</i></p>

	<p><i>how to maintain education as a public good and guarantee the right to education. As it remains uncertain how the current crisis will unfold and in anticipation of future school closures, it is essential to build on the experiences and lessons learned on the use of technologies to reach all learners, in particular the most vulnerable, to encourage pedagogical innovation, and to increase the flexibility and resilience of education systems.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Rob Jenkins, Chief of Education and Associate Director of the Programme Division, UNICEF (tbc)</p> <p>Opening presenter: Ms Zeynep TUFEKCI, Associate Professor, UNC School of Information and Library Science (tbc)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Jane Munga, Economic and Policy Advisor for Minister, Ministry for ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs, Kenya - Ms Viana Kakule, Advisor to the Minister of Higher Education, South Sudan - Mr Joseph Nsengimana, Director of the Mastercard Foundation’s Centre for Innovative Teaching and Learning in ICT - Ms Sonia Jorge, Executive Director of the Alliance for Affordable Internet - Mr Albert Forn, Director mSchools at GSMA <p>Rapporteur: Mr Sobhi Tawil, Director, Future of Learning and Innovation, UNESCO</p> <p>Closing Presenter: Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Executive Director, ITU (tbc)</p>
<p>14:40-15:20</p>	<p>The enabling environment for action – Improve the global education coordination mechanism</p> <p><i>The 2020 GEM will draw lessons from regional and global partnerships for COVID-19 response, with a view to improving data, evidence and knowledge for informed decision-making and planning; guiding countries’ efforts in educational recovery and transformation ; advocating for education as a political priority; coordinating for increased and better education financing; and strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of the governance of the SDG 4-Education 2030 coordination mechanism by better linking high level policy steer with robust data and financial cooperation.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Valeriane Gauthier</p> <p>Presenter: Ms Stefania Giannini, ADG/ED, UNESCO</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Ms Meryame Kitir, Minister of Development Cooperation, Belgium - Mr Aksel Jakobsen, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway - Prof. Kazuhiro Yoshida, Co-Chair SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee (Japan) - Representative from regional organization (tbc) - Ms Victoria Ibiwoye, Youth Representative to the SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Maria Lourdes Almazan Khan, Secretary General, Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE) - Representative of a UN or international organization (tbc) - UNICEF (tbc) - Ms Silvia Montoya, Director, UNESCO Institute for Statistics; Co-chair of the Technical Cooperation Group on the SDG4-Education 2030 indicators (TCG)
15:20-15:45	<p>Reporting back on priority actions from the breakout session</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Valeriane Gauthier</p> <p>Presenter: Ms Maki Hayashikawa, Director, Division for Education 2030, UNESCO</p> <p>Discussants: Rapporteurs of the 5 breakout sessions</p>
15:45-16:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO - H.E. Dr Matthew Opoku Prempeh, Minister of Education, Republic of Ghana (tbc) - Mr Grunde Almeland, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Research, Norway

High-Level Segment Thursday, 22 October, 2020	
13:00-13:25	<p>Opening</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Valeriane Gauthier</p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General - Mr Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General (video message) - H.E. Ms Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway - H.E. Mr Nana Akufo-Addo, the President of the Republic of Ghana (tbc) - Baroness Sugg, UK Minister for Foreign Affairs and Development
13:25-13:30	<p>Presentation of the 2020 GEM Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO • Ms Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
13:30-14:50	<p>"Reimagine and re-commit to education"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of State/Government <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) H.M. Queen Mathilde of Belgium, SDG Advocate, Co-host GEM 2018 2) H.E. Mr Giuseppe Conte, Prime Minister of Italy (incoming G20 Chair) (video message) 3) H.E. Mr Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, The President of Portugal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4) H.E. Mr Félix Tshisekedi, The President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (video message) 5) H.E. Mr Saad Dine El Othmani, The Chief of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco 6) H.E. Mr Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda (video message) 7) H.E. Mr Kais Saied, The President of Tunisia (video message) 8) H.E. Mr Pedro Sánchez, The Prime Minister of Spain (video message) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Guests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) H.H. Ms Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser, Chair of Education Above All (tbc) 2) Ms Angelina Jolie, UNHCR Special Envoy (tbc) 3) Mr Gordon Brown, UN Special Envoy for Global Education • Ministers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <Group IV - Asia and Pacific > <i>To be updated</i> <Group V(b) - Arab States> <i>To be updated</i> <Group I & II – Europe and North America> <i>To be updated</i> <Group V(a) - African States> <i>To be updated</i> <Group III - Latin America and the Caribbean> <i>To be updated</i> • United Nations and International Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission 2) Mr David Beasley, Executive Director, WFP (video message) 3) Mr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO (tbc) 4) Mr Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD 5) Ms Julia Gillard, Chair of the Board of Directors, GPE 6) Ms Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF (tbc) • Special Guest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mr Jeff Sachs, Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University
14:55-15:00	<p>Closing remarks Ms Amina J. Mohammed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General</p>



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