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## PROGRAMME

Zoom connection link: <http://on.unesco.org/IDEzoom>

Livestreaming: English: <https://youtu.be/alcanJWTvac> /French: <https://youtu.be/osc35wKP-V8>

### Opening

14:00-14:20

**Prioritize education, work together and finance our future**

### Speakers

- Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General
- António Guterres, UN Secretary General (video message)
- H.E. Volkan Bozkir, President of 75<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly

- H.E. Odd-Inge Kvalheim, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN on behalf of UN Group of Friends for Education and Lifelong Learning

Moderated by Stefania Giannini, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education

## **Panel 1: Celebrating “Learning Heroes”**

**14:20 – 14:55**

**Shed light on “heroes” who kept education going in hard circumstance: a conversation on what worked, what failed and what they would do differently with hindsight.**

- Patience Mkandawaire, Campaign for Female Education
- Christopher Oule, Blind activist from Burkina Faso
- Marla Yolibet Vasquez, Teacher from Honduras
- Dhurata Myrtollari, Teacher from Albania
- Jamie Frost, Varkey Foundation Covid-19 hero award
- Ece Akcay, Ministry of National Education of Turkey
- Allan Goodman, President, Institute of International Education

Moderated by Mohamed Sidibay, Education advocate (Sierra Leone)

## **Panel 2: Promising innovations to transform education**

**15:00-15:35**

**Shed light on innovations, whether they be in terms of pedagogy, technology, partnership or on other fronts that pave the way towards more resilient and inclusive education systems.**

- H.E. Maria Victoria Angulo Gonzalez, Minister of Education of Colombia
- Ranjitsinh Disale, Global Teacher Prize winner
- Oleg Figlin, Vice President for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Blackboard
- Otto Orondaam, Founder of Slum2School
- Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union

Moderated by Jo Bourne, Chief Technical Officer, Global Partnership for Education

## **Panel 3: Financing the education transformation**

**15:35-16:10**

**The effects of the pandemic on government education budgets, household and donor funding are expected to put significant strains on education.**

- Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for Partnerships (video message)
- Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, African Union’s Goodwill Ambassador on Ending Child Marriage and Chief Executive of Rozaria Memorial Trust
- Alice Albright, CEO, Global Partnership for Education
- Manos Antoninis, Director of the Global Education Monitoring Report
- Refaat Sabbah, President, Global Campaign for Education
- Yasmine Sherif, Director, Education Cannot Wait
- Jaime Saavedra, Director of Global Education, World Bank (video message)

### **Launch of Global Campaign’s for Education 1 billion Voices (video)**

Moderated by Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO

### **Closing**

**16:15 – 16:20**

H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations

### **Finale: Laureates of the “Conversation with The Little Prince” contest**

**16:25 – 17:00**

**Organized with Center for Interdisciplinary Studies as part of the “Learning Planet” Festival**

Announcement of the 60 finalists (10 per language) and 6 laureates of the story-writing competition. Session presented by Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education; Olivier d’Agay, Director of the Fondation Antoine de Saint Exupéry and François Taddéi, Chief Exploration officer of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies.