



29 March 2021 14:00-16:00 CEST

Agenda

High-Level Ministerial Meeting

Opening Segment (14:00 – 14:30)

Master of Ceremony: Ms Armelle Arrou, UNESCO

- Welcome and opening remarks, Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General, UNESCO
- Message, Mr António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Message, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization
- Message, Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission
- Testimonies from ASPnet students and teachers – one year of COVID
- Global overview, Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO

3 Parallel Roundtables (14:30 – 15:45)

Session 1: Keeping schools open, prioritizing and supporting teachers (14:30 – 15:45)

- **Moderator:** Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director, World Health Organization and Secretariat of the co-convened Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 and Educational Institutions
- **Keynote:** Professor Didier Jourdan, UNESCO Chair Health and Education and head of WHO collaborating center Global Health and Education, Université Clermont Auvergne, France
- **National Perspectives:** current list of Ministers (in alphabetical order, not necessarily speaking order): Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Canada (Québec), Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Lithuania, Mauritania, Nauru, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Qatar, St Kitts and Nevis, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, including a *Joint presentation by the South African Minister of Basic Education and General Secretary of the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU)*.
- **Discussion:** Dr Suzanne Grant Lewis, Director, UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning

Session 2: School and university dropout & learning loss (14:30 – 15:45)

- **Moderator:** Mr Jaime Saavedra Chanduvi, Global Director, Education, World Bank
- **Keynote/Presentations:** *Learning Losses Assessment* by Dr Silvia Montoya, Director UNESCO Institute for Statistics, and *Global Education Coalition Surveys* by Mr Gwang-Chol Chang, Section Chief, UNESCO
- **National Perspectives:** current list of Ministers (in alphabetical order, not necessarily speaking order): Albania, Bahrain, Benin, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Denmark,

Ecuador, Guinea, Ghana, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Malta, Oman, Palestine, Romania, Tonga

- **Discussant:** Mr Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Session 3: Digital transformation and the future of education (14:30 – 15:45)

- **Moderator:** Professor Fernando Reimers, Harvard University and Member of the International Commission on the Futures of Education
- **Keynote:** Ms Sonia Jorge, Executive Director, Alliance for Affordable Internet
- **National Perspectives:** Current list of Ministers (in alphabetical order, not necessarily speaking order): Andorra, Aruba, Azerbaijan, Botswana, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Jordan, Latvia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Namibia, Philippines, Republic of North Macedonia, Rwanda, Serbia, Seychelles, Spain, Sudan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine
- **Discussant:** Mr Alex Wong, Senior Strategy Advisor, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Closing session: The Recovery Imperative (15:45–16:00)

- Closing remarks on joint UNESCO, World Bank and UNICEF work around the recovery phase:
 - Mr Robert Jenkins, Chief, Education and Associate Director, UNICEF
 - Mr Jaime Saavedra Chanduvi, Global Director, Education, World Bank
 - Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO