

High-level segment (Paris and online)

# 2021 Global Education Meeting

*Invest in education - a global mobilization for COVID-19 recovery and the futures of education*



**10 November 2021 14:30-18:30 CET**  
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<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General, UNESCO</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chair of the International Commission on the Futures of Education</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Hage Geingob, President of Namibia</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Najla Bouden Rodhane, Prime Minister, Tunisia</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Emmanuel Macron, President of France, co-host of the 2021 GEM</li> </ul>
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<p>15:00 – 15:45</p>	<p><b>Leaders’ Dialogue on Investing in Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by Ms Victoria Ibiwoye, SDG 4 Youth Leader</li> <li>• Statements by Heads of State / Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr Alberto Fernández, President of the Argentine Republic</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Iván Duque Márquez, President of the Republic of Colombia</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Alassane Dramane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Aleksandar Vučić, President of Serbia</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Kyriákos Mitsotákis, Prime Minister of Greece</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Ariel Henry, Prime Minister of the Republic of Haiti, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr Gordon Brown, UN Special Envoy for Global Education</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Abdulla Shahid, President of the United Nations General Assembly</li> <li>• Mr Mathias Cormann, Secretary-General, OECD</li> <li>• Ms Graça Machel, SDG Advocate</li> </ul> <p><b>Session 1: Global Education Cooperation Mechanism and Inauguration of the SDG4-Education 2030 High-Level Steering Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO</li> <li>• Interventions by selected members of the incoming SDG 4 High-Level Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission</li> <li>• Ms Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Jaime Perczyk, Minister of Education, Argentina</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Dipu Moni, Minister of Education, People’s Republic of Bangladesh</li> <li>• H.E. Ms María Victoria Angulo González, Minister of National Education, Colombia</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Mariatou Kone, Minister of National Education and Literacy, Côte d’Ivoire</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Anita Muižniece, Minister for Education and Science, Latvia</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, Minister of Education, Portugal</li> <li>• H.E. Mr David Sengh, Minister of Basic and Secondary Education, Sierra Leone</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>16:35 – 17:00</p>	<p><b>Session 2: Impact of COVID-19 on SDG 4 and monitoring commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by Ms Maki Hayashikawa-Katsuno, Director, Division for Education 2030, UNESCO, and Ms Silvia Montoya, Director, UNESCO Institute for Statistics</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Patrizio Bianchi, Minister of Public Education, Italy (G20 Presidency)</li> <li>• Selected speakers on the implementation of the 2020 GEM commitments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms Valentine Uwamariya, Minister of Education, Rwanda</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Anna Ekström, Minister of Education, Sweden</li> <li>• Mr David Edwards, General Secretary, Education International</li> <li>• Ms Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Session 3: Education Financing Roundtable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the joint background paper by UNESCO, OECD and France, presented by Mr Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills, OECD</li> <li>• Roundtable discussion, moderated by Mr Borhene Chakroun, Director for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, UNESCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr Jean-Michel Blanquer, Minister of National Education, France</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>17:00 – 18:00</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr Yaw Osei Adutwum, MP and Minister of Education, Ghana</li> <li>• Ms Mari Pangestu, Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnerships, the World Bank</li> <li>• Ms Alice Albright, CEO, Global Partnership for Education</li> <li>• Mr Vernor Muñoz, Head of Policy, Advocacy &amp; Campaigns of the Global Campaign for Education; former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education</li> <li>• Ms Kim S. Jacinto Henares, International expert on tax policy and public expenditure management</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Ľudovít Paulis, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.</li> </ul>
18:00 – 18:30	<p><b>Paris Declaration and Closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr Jean-Michel Blanquer, Minister of National Education, France, and Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO</li> <li>• Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms Ester Vilarrubla, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Andorra</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Li Andersson, Minister of Education, Finland</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Ingrid van Engelshoven, Minister of Education, Culture and Science, Netherlands</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Closing</li> </ul>

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10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Ministerial Statements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr Vahram Dumanyan, Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports, Armenia</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Ben Weyts, Vice Minister-President of the Government of Flanders, in charge of education, Belgium</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Ena Elsa Velázquez Cobiella, Minister of Education, Cuba</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Roberto Fulcar Encarnación, Minister of Education, Dominican Republic</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Claudia Patricia Ruiz Casasola, Minister of Education, Guatemala</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Abbas Halabi, Minister of Education, Lebanon</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Sidibe Dédeou Ousmane, Minister of National Education, Mali</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Justyne Caruana, Minister of Education, Malta</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Chakib Benmoussa, Minister of National Education, Preschool and Sports, Morocco</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Leonor Briones, Secretary of Education, Philippines</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Buthaina Bint Ali Al Jabr Al-Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Qatar</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Hamad Al-Sheikh, Minister of Education, Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Darem Tabbaa, Minister of Education, Syrian Arab Republic</li> <li>• H.E. Hussain bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi, Minister of Education, UAE</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Yelitze Santaella, Minister of Education, Venezuela</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Tareq Salem Saleh AL-AKBARI, Minister of Education, Yemen</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Douglas Syakalima, Minister of Education, Zambia</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Amon Murwira, Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology, Zimbabwe</li> </ul>
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