



SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee

Virtual Meeting: “Safeguarding investment in education in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis”

4 June 2020, 14:00 – 16:00 (GMT+2)

Objectives:

- To raise awareness of the potential impacts of the COVID-19 on education finance through sharing of experiences and lessons learned from the current and past crises;
- To develop the Steering Committee’s recommendations to safeguard investment in quality education, especially for the disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposed Agenda

14:00 – 14:10	<p>Welcome remarks by the Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant-Director General for Education, UNESCO • Mr Kazuhiro Yoshida (Japan), Co-chair of the SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee
14:10 – 14:20	<p>Keynote address by Mr Gordon Brown, United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education</p>
14:20 – 15:05	<p>Part 1: Mitigating the impact of economic crises on domestic education finance in the aftermath of COVID-19</p> <p>Discussion questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>What are the lessons learnt from the past crises that countries can consider to minimize the negative impact on their education finance (both public and private)?</i> 2) <i>What strategies and priorities are being considered by governments to protect and mobilize domestic financing for post-COVID-19 education recovery and further development (“build back better”), particularly for disadvantaged and vulnerable learners?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview presentation by UNESCO (Ms Yano Satoko, Programme Specialist, Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems) • Reflections by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina: Mr Pablo Gentili, Secretary of Educative Cooperation and Priority Actions, Ministry of Education - Kenya: Ms Nelly Marete, Ministry of Education - Philippines: Mr Nepomuceno Malaluan, Undersecretary, Department of Education - World Bank: Mr Jaime Saavedra, Global Director for Education - UNICEF: Mr Robert Jenkins, Global Chief of Education and Associate Director of the Programme Division - Global Campaign for Education (GCE): Mr Refat Sabbah, President • Discussion

15:05 – 15:10	<p>Youth Statement on Investing in Education and Youth (Ms Victoria Ibiwoye, Youth Representative and Director, OneAfricanChild Foundation for Creative Learning)</p>
15:10 – 15:50	<p>Part 2: Maintaining aid to education – accelerating progress toward SDG 4 in the COVID-19 recovery phase</p> <p>Discussion questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>What are the foreseen and potential impacts on aid to education in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis?</i> 2) <i>What are the opportunities and innovative approaches to maintain and increase aid to education?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings of a preliminary study on the impact of COVID-19 on aid to education by the Global Education Monitoring Report and the World Bank (Mr Manos Antoninis, Director, Global Education Monitoring Report) • Reflections by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPE: Ms Alice P. Albright, Chief Executive Officer - OECD: Mr Michael Ward, Senior Policy Analyst, Directorate for Education and Skills - Norway: Ms Gerd-Hanne Fosen, Policy Director for Education, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) - Germany: Mr Walter Hirche, Chair of Education Committee, German Commission for UNESCO - Education Above All (EAA): Mr Al Sulaiti, Chief Executive Officer • Discussion
15:50 – 16:00	<p>Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the discussions by Mr Kazuhiro Yoshida (Japan), Co-chair of the SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee • Concluding remarks by Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant-Director General for Education, UNESCO