International Day of Education

25 January 2021, 14:00-17:00 (GMT+1)

PROGRAMME

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

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 75th UN General Assembly
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.