Dear Madam/Sir,

In the context of preparing the upcoming World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education (WCECCE2022) to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from 14 to 16 November 2022, we are pleased to convey to you that the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (UNESCO - IBE), our specialized Institute for Curriculum-related issues, and UNESCO Office in Beirut, Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States, will jointly conduct an online consultation on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) curricula “Acting towards a Transformative and Forward-looking ECCE Curriculum for Lifelong Learning”.

The Thematic Regional consultation with the Arab States is planned as an online event that will take place on Thursday, 22 September 2022, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm, Beirut time. The consultation with the Arab States constitutes one of the four Regional thematic consultations UNESCO – IBE will conduct ahead of WCECCE2022, in partnership with UNESCO Regional Education Bureaus.

This present consultation on ECCE curriculum and pedagogy will feed into both the ECCE World Report and further discussions and deliberations during WCECCE2022. It shall prompt a self-reflective and self-evaluated approach on the importance of transformative and forward-looking curricula for ECCE, as a basis for lifelong learning and for encouraging learners to reach their full potential (please see Thematic Webinar Concept Note and Agenda attached).

During our Thematic Regional consultation with the Arab States, we intend to share evidence-based promising policies and practices on ECCE Curriculum and to take stock of the specific curriculum and pedagogy-related issues and priorities Member States address towards achieving SDG4.2 target.

In follow up to the Transforming Education Summit (TES) - in particular Action Track 2 Learning and skills for life, work and sustainable development, which will be held beforehand in New York -, we aim to place strong emphasis on key enablers of ECCE Curriculum in the Arab Region, as well as promising practices and innovations that have a potential of being scaled up to achieve Quality Education for All.

The thematic consultation on ECCE curriculum in the Arab States is addressed to Arab countries representatives, as well as other key stakeholders, such as experts in curriculum and representatives of academia and international and regional Organizations. We kindly invite your country to actively participate to this thematic webinar as a unique opportunity to discuss and exchange on important ECCE issues from your regional perspective.

Please find below the Zoom link to access the online event:

https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mytyu0TZ3SKshhInkBAdg

The link is also shared in the attached Concept Note. For any query you may have please contact Ms. Aurelia Rabe, Head of ECCE Unit, UNESCO – IBE (a.rabe@unesco.org) and/or Ms. Maysoun Chehab, Regional Education Coordinator, UNESCO Office in Beirut (m.chehab@unesco.org).

Looking forward to your participation, and wishing us all a successful event rich in productive deliberations,

Sincerely,

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