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 – 15:00 Opening

- Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General, UNESCO
- 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
- H.E. Mr Hage Geingob, President of Namibia
- H.E. Ms Najla Bouden Rodhane, Prime Minister, Tunisia
- H.E. Mr Emmanuel Macron, President of France, co-host of the 2021 GEM
**Leaders’ Dialogue on Investing in Education**

- Introduction by Ms Victoria Ibiwoye, SDG 4 Youth Leader
- Statements by Heads of State / Government
  - H.E. Mr Alberto Fernández, President of the Argentine Republic
  - H.E. Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China
  - H.E. Mr Iván Duque Márquez, President of the Republic of Colombia
  - H.E. Mr Alassane Dramane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
  - H.E. Mr Aleksandar Vučić, President of Serbia
  - H.E. Mr Kyriákos Mitsotákis, Prime Minister of Greece
  - H.E. Mr Ariel Henry, Prime Minister of the Republic of Haiti, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour
- Mr Gordon Brown, UN Special Envoy for Global Education
- H.E. Mr Abdulla Shahid, President of the United Nations General Assembly
- Mr Mathias Cormann, Secretary-General, OECD
- Ms Graça Machel, SDG Advocate

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**Session 1: Global Education Cooperation Mechanism and Inauguration of the SDG4-Education 2030 High-Level Steering Committee**

- Introduction by Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO
- Interventions by selected members of the incoming SDG 4 High-Level Steering Committee
  - H.E. Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission
  - Ms Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission
  - H.E. Mr Jaime Perczyk, Minister of Education, Argentina
  - H.E. Ms Dipu Moni, Minister of Education, People’s Republic of Bangladesh
  - H.E. Ms María Victoria Angulo González, Minister of National Education, Colombia
  - H.E. Ms Mariatou Kone, Minister of National Education and Literacy, Côte d’Ivoire
  - H.E. Ms Anita Mužniece, Minister for Education and Science, Latvia
  - H.E. Mr Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, Minister of Education, Portugal
  - H.E. Mr David Sengeh, Minister of Basic and Secondary Education, Sierra Leone
  - H.E. Ms Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia

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**Session 2: Impact of COVID-19 on SDG 4 and monitoring commitments**

- Introduction by Ms Maki Hayashikawa-Katsuno, Director, Division for Education 2030, UNESCO, and Ms Silvia Montoya, Director, UNESCO Institute for Statistics
- H.E. Mr Patrizio Bianchi, Minister of Public Education, Italy (G20 Presidency)
- Selected speakers on the implementation of the 2020 GEM commitments
  - H.E. Ms Valentine Uwamariya, Minister of Education, Rwanda
  - H.E. Ms Anna Ekström, Minister of Education, Sweden
  - Mr David Edwards, General Secretary, Education International
  - Ms Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF

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**Session 3: Education Financing Roundtable**

- Presentation of the joint background paper by UNESCO, OECD and France, presented by Mr Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills, OECD
- Roundtable discussion, moderated by Mr Borhene Chakroun, Director for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, UNESCO
  - H.E. Mr Jean-Michel Blanquer, Minister of National Education, France
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Ministerial Statements

- H.E. Mr Vahearam Dumanyan, Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports, Armenia
- H.E. Mr Ben Weyts, Vice Minister-President of the Government of Flanders, in charge of education, Belgium
- H.E. Ms Ena Elsa Velázquez Cobiella, Minister of Education, Cuba
- H.E. Mr Roberto Fulcar Encarnación, Minister of Education, Dominican Republic
- H.E. Ms Claudia Patricia Ruiz Casasola, Minister of Education, Guatemala
- H.E. Mr Abbas Halabi, Minister of Education, Lebanon
- H.E. Ms Sidibe Dédeou Ousmane, Minister of National Education, Mali
- H.E. Ms Justyne Caruana, Minister of Education, Malta
- H.E. Mr Chakib Benmoussa, Minister of National Education, Preschool and Sports, Morocco
- H.E. Ms Leonor Briones, Secretary of Education, Philippines
- H.E. Ms Buthaina Bint Ali Al Jabr Al-Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Qatar
- H.E. Mr Hamad Al-Sheikh, Minister of Education, Saudi Arabia
- H.E. Mr Darem Tabbaa, Minister of Education, Syrian Arab Republic
- H.E. Hussain bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi, Minister of Education, UAE
- H.E. Ms Yelitze Santaela, Minister of Education, Venezuela
- H.E Mr Tareq Salem Saleh AL-AKBARI, Minister of Education, Yemen
- H.E. Mr Douglas Syakalima, Minister of Education, Zambia
- H.E. Mr Amon Murwira, Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology, Zimbabwe

Paris Declaration and Closing

- H.E. Mr Jean-Michel Blanquer, Minister of National Education, France, and Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO
- Statements
  - H.E. Ms Ester Vilarrubla, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Andorra
  - H.E. Ms Li Andersson, Minister of Education, Finland
  - H.E. Ms Ingrid van Engelshoven, Minister of Education, Culture and Science, Netherlands
- Closing