SKILLED: A roadmap towards global citizenship, digital skills and competencies

Location: UNESCO Headquarters, ROOM 8

Date and time: Monday 26 March 2018, 11:45-13:15

Presenters: Beeban Kidron, Broadband Commission and UK House of Lords, David Atchoarena, UNESCO

About the workshop:

Workshop participants will be invited to provide input on the SKILLED initiative and its goal to develop a roadmap that will guide the implementation of digital skills education and training in different contexts.

Participants will also be encouraged to share information about existing initiatives, activities, practices, publications, case studies and approaches that could inform work on the development of the roadmap. Input from the workshop will help set the stage for the afternoon expert meeting (closed meeting) on SKILLED.

Questions that will guide the workshop, include:

• Barriers to the inclusive implementation of digital skills education and training – Why are so many learners being left behind and what can be done to better ensure universal acquisition of digital skills and competencies?

• Promising strategies and practices – What are emerging examples of good practices in different development contexts? What approaches, if any, have universal relevance?

• Relevant country experiences – What countries and/or municipalities are doing notable work to advance digital skills in inclusive and equitable ways? What case studies should the SKILLED initiative consider?

• Consultative process and buy-in – What processes will help ensure the SKILLED roadmap becomes a useful resource for countries for mainstreaming digital skills and competencies in education in a lifelong learning perspective?
UNESCO and Broadband Commission Beeban Kidron look forward to using the workshop to improve plans for the SKILLED initiative before it is formally proposed to the Broadband Commission in May 2018.

Meet the presenters:

**Beeban Kidron** is a British filmmaker who has spent 35 years working in feature film, television drama and documentary. Her films range from commercial cinema, to artist portraits and hard-hitting documentaries: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason; To Wong Foo Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar; Used People; Oranges are Not the Only Fruit; Antonia and Jane; Antony Gormley: Making Space; Sex, Death and the Gods; and InRealLife, among many others. In 2006 Kidron co-founded the educational charity IntoFilm (previously FilmClub), which now has over 1200 film clubs in UK schools. In 2012 she was appointed to the House of Lords where she sits as a Crossbench Peer and is a member of the House of Lords Communications Committee. She is a trustee of IntoFilm, a Council Member of the Institute of Contemporary Arts, a patron of Law Action Worldwide, President of Voluntary Arts and a Visiting Fellow at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University. Baroness Kidron is the Founder of 5Rights—a campaign that seeks to deliver the established rights of children in all interactions with the digital world. The 5Rights framework has support from governments, international institutions, corporations, educators, parents and children across the world.

**David Atchoarena** is the Director of the Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems at UNESCO. His Division covers education policies, higher education, adult and vocational education and training, and ICT in education. Before joining UNESCO Headquarters, Mr Atchoarena worked at the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP). At the Institute, he conducted research and capacity-building programmes in the fields of educational planning, lifelong learning, technical and vocational education, and higher education. He also contributed to the development of the capacities of officials from ministries of education as the head of the Training and Education Programmes Unit of IIEP. Prior to working for UNESCO, Mr Atchoarena served as Chargé de Mission at the National Agency for Lifelong Education of the French Ministry of Education and as a project coordinator in the Ministry of Finance and Planning in Saint Lucia. Mr Atchoarena is a Special Professor at the University of Nottingham (UK) and holds a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne.