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Sustaining Educational Opportunity in times of COVID-19

Webinar Series

7 May 2020 09:00 a.m. (Kingston Time)



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Context

As part of UNESCO's coordinated Covid-19 response effort, and to provide timely, informed policy advice to Member States, the UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean is offering a series of webinars focused on the particular context of the Caribbean Small Island Developing States, SIDS. The webinars aim to gather national and Caribbean regional stakeholders to examine emerging challenges, and explore promising practicing and solutions to enable governments to prepare for, cope with, and deal with the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis.

UNESCO is pleased to invite Professor Fernando M. Reimers, Global Education Innovation Initiative, Harvard Graduate School of Education to present "A Framework to guide an education response to the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020" on May 7, 2020, 09:00 a.m. (EST GMT -05:00, EDT 10:00 am)

As the COVID-19 pandemic ravages the world, it is essential to attend to the educational needs of children and youth during the crisis. The analysis, based on a rapid assessment of education needs and emerging responses in 98 countries, identifies the most salient needs that should be addressed in national plans to respond to the crisis.

This webinar aims to support decision-makers and education leaders at various levels of educational governance, in public and private educational organizations, to develop and implement adaptive, coherent, and effective education responses to the COVID-19 crisis that is disrupting education globally and in the Caribbean SIDS.

Agenda

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9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks introduction and context	UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean
9:10 a.m.	Report Presentation: "A framework to guide an education response to the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020"	Professor Fernando Reimers Ford Foundation Professor of the Practice in International Education, Harvard University
09:45 a.m.	National Perspectives	Panel of Regional Education Experts (5 minutes each)
10:15 a.m.	Discussion on Recommendations/ Next Steps	Professor Fernando Reimers with participants
10:50 a.m. -11:00 a.m.	Concluding Remarks	Ms. Faryal Khan, Programme Specialist for Education UNESCO

Biography



Professor Fernando M. Reimers is the Ford Foundation Professor of the Practice of International Education and Director of the Global Education Innovation Initiative and of the International Education Policy Masters Program at Harvard University. An expert in the field of Global Education, his research and teaching focus on understanding how to educate children and youth so they can thrive in the 21st century. He is a member of UNESCO's high level commission on the Futures of Education.

Professor Reimers served on the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, where he chaired the strategic planning committee, and serves on the Board of Directors of multiple education organizations, including Facing History and Ourselves, Teach for All, World Teach.

In 2019, he received a Centennial Medal from the International Institute of Education for his work advancing international education. In 2017 he received the Global Citizen Award from the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations for his work advancing global citizenship education. In 2015 he was appointed the C.J. Koh Visiting Professor of Education at the National Institute of Education in Singapore in recognition of his work in global education. He received an honorary doctorate from Emerson College for his work advancing human rights education. He is a fellow of the International Academy of Education and a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.

He has written or edited thirty-three books, of which the most recent include:

Educating Students to Improve the World, Audacious Education Purposes. How governments transform the goals of education systems, Empowering teachers to build a better world. How six nations support teachers for 21st century education, Letters to a New Minister of Education, Teaching and Learning for the 21st Century, Preparing Teachers to Educate Whole Students: An International Comparative Study, Learning to Improve the World, Empowering Global Citizens, Empowering Students to Improve the World in Sixty Lessons. Version 1.0, Learning to Collaborate for the Global Common Good, Fifteen Letters on Education in Singapore, Empowering All Students at Scale, and One Student at a Time. Leading the Global Education Movement.

More information about his work is available here <https://fernando-reimers.gse.harvard.edu/>