



World Teachers' Day 2021

“Teachers at the heart of education recovery”

Opening of 2021 Commemorations of World Teachers Day

Concept Note and agenda

Date: **5 October 2021**

Time: **13:00-15:00 Paris time (GMT+2)**

Registration Link: https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JEMNICatQUizKaBcrdDsLw

Language interpretation: **Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish**

Context:

This event will officially launch the celebration of World Teachers Day 2021 (WTD)¹. UNESCO's Director-General will be joined by the heads of the convening partners - UNICEF, International Labour Organization (ILO) and Education International (EI) - to recognize the work of teachers around the world, take stock of achievements and raise awareness of the challenges facing the profession as education systems recover from the COVID-19 crisis and seek to "build back better".

After the official opening of World Teachers Day, the audience will learn about the global progress towards achieving the teacher-related target of Sustainable Development Goal 4(target 4.C)² and how far we have yet to go. The audience will then be invited to participate in a panel discussion on the challenges of post-covid recovery for teachers and teaching in different contexts. This discussion will be guided by three imminent speakers, selected for their forward-looking and multidisciplinary vision, touching on issues of teaching, social dialogue and teacher wellbeing.

¹ For more information about World Teachers Day 2021 celebrations please go to:

<https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday>

²Target 4.c reads : “By 2030, substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries, especially least developed countries and small island developing States” (Source: Education 2030: Incheon Declaration and Framework for Action for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 4, available at <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000245656>)

Agenda

Tuesday 5 October 2021	
13:00 - 13:30	<p>“Teachers at the heart of education recovery”: World Teachers’ Day 2021 Official opening Ceremony</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Borhene Chakroun, Director, Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, UNESCO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening Statement: Ms. Audrey Azoulay, Director-General, UNESCO ▪ Statements by Heads of Co-Convening Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Organization, ○ Ms. Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF ○ Mr. David Edwards, General Secretary, Education International ▪ Teacher testimony: Mr Ranjitsinth Disale, 2020 Global Teacher Prize winner ▪ Closing Remarks: Mr. Borhene Chakroun, UNESCO.
13:00 - 14:10	<p>Ministerial Panel: Impact of COVID 19 crisis on teachers and future implications for SDG 4</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Yumiko Yokozeki, Director, International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (UNESCO).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of global figures and trends: Ms. Sylvia Montoya, Director, UNESCO Institute for statistics -10 min ▪ Insights into the impact of COVID 19 crisis on national efforts to achieve SDG target 4.c – 20 min <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Prof. Mariatou Kone, Minister of Education and Literacy of Côte d’Ivoire ○ H.E. Dr. Hamad M.H. Al Sheikh, Minister of Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ○ H.E. Ms. Maria Brown Pérez, Minister of Education of Ecuador ○ H.E. Dr. Hang Choun Naron, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport of Cambodia ○ H.E. Mr. Jonel Powell, Minister of Education Youth, Sports and Culture of St Kitts and Nevis ▪ Wrap-up: Ms. Yumiko Yokozeki (UNESCO)
14:10 - 14:15	Break- 5 min
14:15 - 14:50	Panel discussion: Preparing and supporting teachers to be at the heart of education recovery

	<p>Moderator: Mr. Carlos Vargas Tamez, Chief, Section for Teacher Development (UNESCO) and Head of the Secretariat of the International Taskforce on Teachers for Education 2030 (TTF)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Rosa María Torres - Rector of the National Pedagogical University, Mexico - 5 min <i>Teacher professional development, communities of practice, ICT skills, socio-emotional support.</i> ▪ Mr. Michael Fullan - Author and former Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) of the University of Toronto - 5 min <i>Teacher wellbeing for educational recovery.</i> ▪ Mr. Steffen Handal - President, Union of Education Norway) - 5 min <i>Social dialogue and teacher participation in education recovery.</i> ▪ Q&A with the audience - 10 min ▪ Wrap up: Mr. Carlos Vargas Tamez (UNESCO)
14:50-15:00	Closing of the event and presentation of the overall programme: Ms. Stefania Giannini , Assistant Director General for Education, UNESCO