The Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations with UNESCO Center for Global Education

Education Solutions Initiative for the ERA of SDGs

International Education and Training Conference

Theme: SDG 4, Character Education, Training and the 2030 Development Agenda

April 27-28, 2017
9:00am-4:00pm Each Day

2017 Education Solutions International Conference
Theme: SDG-4, Character and Leadership Education in the 2030 Development Agenda

In addressing the 2030 Development Agenda successes, UNESCO emphasized that education is the major key to achieving the development agenda. This implies that efforts must be geared towards ensuring that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are provided with operational tools to aid implementation success.

At the 2016 World teacher’s Day, the UNESCO Chief, Ms. Irina Bokova in her message noted that the road map for the new agenda, the Education 2030 Framework for Action, should highlight the fact that teachers are fundamental for equitable and quality education and, as such, must be “adequately trained, recruited and remunerated, motivated and supported within well resourced, efficient and effectively governed systems”.

The UNESCO Center for Global Education in commitment to the SDG-4 and Targets enacted a call to action on Education Solutions to provide education and skills to help teachers, school proprietors and principals, education directors and administrators work their standing mission along with the new goals in responding to the global vision as proclaimed by world leaders.

The training re-emphasized through in depth training on character and leadership Education, hands on school mission and practical group discussion was conducted. Issues raised from the two groups highlighted the following; School infrastructures, Technology Education and Resources, Human Development Improved Teaching and Learning materials, Training for School personnel, head teachers and non-teaching staff, corporate partnership among schools, culture and language of the environment.

In furthering the Education Solution initiative, the UNESCO Center for Global Education with support of the Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations will host a three-day Training and Workshop on “SDG-4, Character and Leadership” to develop the following concerns into an implementable outcome in encouraging schools to sustainable global outcome;

- Educators Coop Model (ECM): Develop ECM to include the SDG-4-time line SDGs-5Ps (people, Planet, Peace, Prosperity and partnership), Infrastructures, teaching and learning
- Volunteer teachers and Internship: Build a network of retired teachers as guidance resource and students internships for schools in developing countries
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Day 1: Thursday April 27, 2017 7:30-8:30am Registration, Meet and Greet/Breakfast
8:00am-12noon Opening Session: Special Guest Statements

The session will present statements from SDG stakeholders and the diplomatic community including academic professionals to open quality education learning and training floors for 2017 Education Solutions –Initiative for the ERA of SDGs with respect to SDG-4 and Targets.

Chair and Special Guest Address:
Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations, Founder, Global Movement for The Culture of Peace (GMCoP)

Welcome Statement: Ambassador Guy Djoken, Chairman U.S. Federation of UNESCO Club, Centers and Associations

Special Statement:
H.E. Mr. Anatolio Ndong Mba, PR, Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea to the UN
H.E. Ms. Pennelope Beckles, PR, Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministers Special Guest Presentation:
Hon Dhaniram Poudel, Minister of Education Nepal
Hon. Mr. Pavel NĂSTASE, the Minister of National Education of Romania
Dr. the Hon. Minister Lovell Francis, Minister of State in the Min. of Education, of Trinidad and Tobago
Hon. Dr Ogbonnaya Onu, Ministry for Science and technology, Nigeria
His Excellency, Dr. Pat Utomi: Founder, Center for Values in Leadership, Nigeria

Keynote: SDG-4 and Targets, Character and Leadership Education in 2030 Development Agenda
Dr. Tonya Muro, Executive Director, iLEARN-USA,
Prof May Nwoye, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University Nigeria
Engr. Pramod Shah, Chairman Dibyahumi Multiple College Nepal
Wômipimeequin Wampatuck, Chief Sâchem, Mattakeeset Tribe
Prof. Tyoden Deputy Governor, Plateau State, Nigeria

Education Solutions Overview-SDG 4 and Targets, the Case of the 5Ps: The session will make a presentation on 5Ps of SDG 4 with reflection on the SDG-4 targets. The presentation will enable participants to develop the think tank on the 5Ps of their education mission for the development agenda
Presenter: Dr. Ada Okika Executive Director, UNESCO Center for Global Education

Momentum for Change: Inclusive Education-Breaking the Chain for Education Solutions in a New Era: This Session will share perspectives for a global change through implementation of the SDG-4 and targets in educational setting across the levels of education. Discussion will be raised to address strategies of action for SDG-4 success.
Dr. Trina Yearwood, Accreditation Manager/CO-Director, School Urban Community Teachers Project, Brooklyn College School of Education
Professor Jude Uwaoma Nwachukwu, Catholic Priest and Social Scientist
Dr. Michael Balcomb, President, FFWPU, USA
Ms. Yijun Li, Student, Teachers College, Columbia University, NY

12:30-2:00pm Interactive Discussion Q/A, Shared Forum and Discussion/Lunch Served Presentation
Sustainability of the Education System- This session will ignite action for workshop and training on inclusive education and learning along the SDG-4 and Targets
Presenter: Mr. Yulong Zhao, Vice President United Nations Friendship Council/Visiting Scholar, Columbia University, NY

2:15pm– 5:00pm: Afternoon Session
Keynote Presentation: Dr. Julia Frazier, Leading Expert on Primary Education and Early Grade Reading.
Fhi360, Washington DC

Workshop and Education:
The session will address the 5Ps with a focus on leadership development and character traits in relation to SDG-4 and Targets into measurable index for 2030 development agenda successes: Prof Alan Saunders, CEO Saunders Consulting/ Education Adviser, UNESCO Center for Global Education

Roadmap for Education Solutions on SDG-4 and Targets: Corporate Summary from Presentations
This Session will have all of the speakers of the day to a discussion session to discuss roadmap for education Solutions. Session Chaired by Hon. Mr. Pavel NĂSTASE, the Minister of National Education of Romania.
Day 2 - April 28: 8:00am-9:00am  Registration, Meet and Greet/Breakfast
9:00AM-5:00PM (All sessions to continue at 4West 43 Street, New York 10036)
9:15am-11:30am

**Moderator:** Bishop Dr. Ebony Kirkland, President, Ebony Marketing/President, World Association of Small Churches

**Teachers Approach to Quality Education in the Development Agenda:** This session will discuss SDG-4 with respect to roles and improving roles of teachers from all levels of education in relation to implementation of SDG-4 and targets in the Development Agenda. The session will call for support of retired teachers for Teacher-Mentor Programs (TMP) in contributing to the effectiveness of the SDG-4 from years of teaching experiences.

**Opening Presentation: SDG 4, Character and Leadership Education in the 2030 Agenda:** This session will open conversation and discussion with education stakeholders and leaders. The session will lead to plenary discussion on Global Opportunity for Educators.

**Recap from April 27:** Dr. Ada Okika, Executive Director, UNESCO Center for Global Education

**Chairman’s Opening Speech**
HRH King Joseph Dubois, Chair to the Board, UNESCO Center for Global Education

**Special Guest Presentations:**
Dr. Ayodele Odusola, Chief, Strategy and Analysis Team, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP New York
Rahsoona (Smith) Elder, President and CEO, Innerfaith Performing Arts Center and Vice Chair for the Paterson Education Fund Board of Directors
Cindy Lynn Inspirational Speaker, Advisor and Mentor, Canada

**Keynote Presentation: Teachers Approach to Quality Education in the Development Agenda:** This session will discuss SDG-4 with respect to roles and improving roles of teachers from all levels of education in relation to implementation of SDG-4 and targets in the Development Agenda. The Session will call for support of retired teachers as Teacher-Mentor Programs (TMP) in contributing to the effectiveness of the SDG-4 from years of teaching experiences.

H.E Madam Pauline Uti Mazuri, Retired Teacher/Chair, African Women’s Group, Binghamton, NY
Dr. Adeola Alexander, 11th & 12th Grade Counselor, The Kurt Hahn Expeditionary Learning School
Philbert Seka, General Sec., Universal Peace Federation Cote d’Ivoire Chapter/Proprietor Family School, Ivory Coast

**Training Workshop: Brain Storm Action Steps on SDG-4 and Character Development:** This session will open discussion for hands-on-training on Character education along SDG-4 and targets with focus on improving quality education, Prof Alan Saunders, CEO Saunders Consulting/ Education Adviser, UNESCO Center for Global Education.

1:30am - 12:45pm LUNCH Served Presentation and Interaction: The Business Agenda of SDG-4 on Quality Education: Presenter: Dr. Derrick Samuels, President, Derrick Samuels Leadership Institute

12:45-1:30pm: Breakout session

12:45pm-1:45pm Workshop and Education: This session will address the 5Ps of SDG-4 and Targets into measurable index for 2030 development agenda successes: Prof Alan Saunders, CEO Saunders Consulting/ Education Adviser, UNESCO Center for Global Education and Dr. Tonya Muro, Executive Director, iEARN-USA - Learning with the World

2:00pm 2:45pm Reimaging SDG-4 on Domains of Education
This session will call for presentation from professionals to address the three domains (cognitive, affective and psycho-motor) of education along SDG-4 and targets with significant focus on the 5Ps of the SDG-4.
Rachel Manley Program Coordinator for the BRIDGE Program at iEARN-USA
Elisabeth Shuman Vice-Chair, Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN)
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Ms. Phyllis Stickney Advocates For Diversity In the Arts (With respect to youth and students)
Bruce Nappi Founder and Director of the A3 Research Institute and the A3 Society
2:45pm-3:45pm: Plenary and Group Discussion: Global Education and Peace Framework - This session will inject open shared forum discussion by educators on SDG-4 while addressing global education challenges, peace education within teaching and learning groups.

Speakers/Discussion Moderators: HRH Princess Angelique Monét Founder of AFI World Peace Initiative/New Generation In Action and Dr. Kim, President, World Peace Medical Service Corp.

3:45pm-4:45pm Call to Action Strategic Discussion Session: SDG-4 and Target Successes on Quality Education-the New Agenda: This session will provide strategic plan for Education Solutions in the Era of Sustainable Development Goals on Quality Education with respect to SDG-4 and Targets:

Chair: Dr. the Hon. Minister Lovell Francis, Min. of State in the Min. of Education, of Trinidad and Tobago
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Summary and Closing Remarks: Allen Tamelessio, Stakeholder, Education Solutions

8:00am – 1:00pm 3rd Day: April 29: Special Lunch Served Session
Education Solutions Roadmap on SDG-4 for the future of education from early years to graduate education. The Session will provide conclusion to the 2017 Education Solutions International Educators Conference

9:30am Dance Group: Inner Faith Performing Arts Center

9:45am Guest Speakers:
Yvonne Harvey Williams, Entrepreneur, Author and Trainer
Sara J Wolf, Educator Museum Education
Dr. Kwame Y. Akonor Prof of Political Science, Seton Hall University NJ/President African Development Institute
Ms. Diane Daniels Retired Teacher, New York Dept. of Education

10:45am-12noon Entertainment by World Peace Initiative/ New Generation in Action/ Meal is Served
Inauguration of Retired Teachers Support Network for SDG-4
Presentation of Education Solutions Stakeholders and Recognition of 2017 Education Solutions Speakers
Cutting of 2017 Education Solutions Cake/Toast to Quality Education

12:15pm Outcome on 2017 Education Solutions-Initiative for the Era of Sustainable Development Goals International Education, Training and Leadership Conference:
Dr. Ifem Emmanuel Orji, Dean of Education and Academic Affairs, UNESCO Center for Global Education

12:45pm Appreciation Remarks, Announcement and Closing Session:
Hon Princess Nana M. Onwodi, Director, External Relations, UNESCO Center for Global Education
The Outcome of the conference rested on the following recommendations for future work:

i. To establish and sustain an inter-agency core group that will ensure the following including but not limited to: Continuing and enhancing the discussions on SDG-4 and targets; Establish initiatives between and among agencies; Building capacity of School Heads (Principals) from across regions;

ii. Develop Educators Coop Model, establish Education Solutions Global Ambassadors and Advisory Council in following up with further training;

iii. Build on the Education Solutions initiative for integrated programming and examine the environmental areas towards developing and implementing joint programs and maximizing international school resources for better outcomes and greater impact on communities;

iv. Engage with stakeholders for the inclusion of pertinent issues raised from the workshop and training, establish pilot schools and work with Educators in developing comprehensive curriculum for the 2030 agenda on improved and sustainable education

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**Call to Action:**

In addressing these and committing to 2030 Development Agenda calls for step up action on Sustainable Development Goal-4 and Targets in answering to the call for quality education across the globe. The conference will further the development of education mission in addressing the 5Ps (People, Planet, Peace, Prosperity and Partnerships) along global priorities in achieving SDG-4 and target successes for;

- Quality Education
- Teachers approach to Education and Retired teachers support Network
- Global Education framework
- Under investment in education
- Model Global Education
- Skills Development
- Character and leadership Education
- Life Long Learning

The overriding course is to start on time to think of Solutions to the worlds education system in repositioning the world we all want and the future of our generation. Education is the key to sustainability rooted in character for ideal leadership. Let us begin now to Reimagining Education Solution for inclusive outcome by 2030!

Thank you for your Participation

Join us again at 2018 Education Solutions-Initiative for the Era of SDGs Conference from April 26-28, 2018
Distinguished Speakers:

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