

## Global Gateway High-Level Event on Education

Brussels, 11 April 2024

### AGENDA

9.00-9.20

**Keynote address by Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships, **Caroline Gennez**, Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities of Belgium, and **Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

*Opening the Global Gateway High-Level Event on Education, Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen, Minister Caroline Gennez and UN DSG Amina J. Mohammed will welcome participants emphasising the importance of collective effort to foster the transformation of education on a global scale.*

9.20-10.00

**“Fireside chat” – Testimonies and exchange among beneficiaries and Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen, and Belgian Minister Caroline Gennez**

Moderator: **Doris Mwikali**, Lawyer and Education Champion

Speakers:

- **Anna Gabriela Ferreira Noval**, Member of the EU Youth Sounding Board for International Partnerships, Venezuela
- **Geth Semani Akhenra Maiga**, Member of the EU Youth Sounding Board for International Partnerships, Côte D'Ivoire
- **Maria Del Pilar Zubieta Collado**, Instructional coach, ProEd's Teachers Teaching Teachers program, Fundación ProEd/The ProEd Foundation, Panama
- **Nundraj Goindo Akshay**, Teacher, Winner of the 2023 African Union Best Continental Teacher Prize, Triolet Secondary School, Mauritius

10.00-11.15

**Teachers and the teaching profession**

Including launch of the Recommendation of the High-Level Panel on Teaching Profession

Moderator: **Indra Dewitte**, Journalist, presenter

Speakers:

- **Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships
- **Stefania Giannini**, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO
- **Manuela Tomei**, Assistant Director-General for Governance, Rights and Dialogue, ILO
- **Farah Sheikh Abdulqadir**, Minister of Education, Somalia

- **Anna-Maja Henriksson**, Minister of Education, Finland
- **Johanna Jaara Åstrand**, President of the Swedish Teachers' Union and vice president of the global union federation, Education International
- **Sebastian Berger**, Global Student Forum member of the High-Level Panel on the Teaching Profession
- **Adeola Adefemi**, Teacher, Winner of the 2023 African Union Best Continental Teacher Award, Lagos State Ministry of Education, Nigeria

*The session will spotlight the transformative role of teachers and the teaching profession in addressing the global learning crisis and enhancing the quality of education. The dialogues will underline the critical need for increased investments in teachers to equip our societies and economies for the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly evolving world. The panellists will refer to the 2024 Global Report on Teachers and launch the High-Level Panel on the Teaching Profession's Recommendations. Teachers being also at the heart of the Global Gateway strategy, the panel will show how the EU and its partners take up the recommendations and respond to the call for action, notably through the Regional Teacher Initiative for Africa.*

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11.15-11.45      **Networking Coffee**

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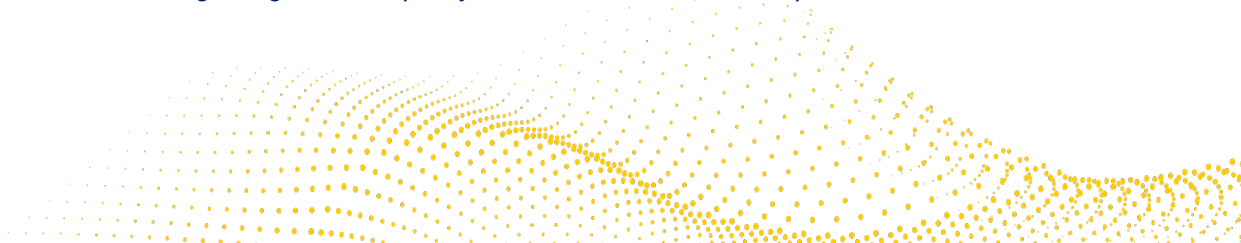
11.45-13.10      **Financing the education transformation**

Moderator: **Heidy Rombouts**, Director-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, Belgium

Speakers:

- **Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships
- **Kristalina Georgieva**, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (video message)
- **Douglas M. Syakalima**, Minister of Education, Zambia
- **Daniela Gîțman**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania
- **Nadia Calviño**, President, European Investment Bank (video message)
- **Laura Frigenti**, CEO, Global Partnership for Education
- **Luis Benveniste**, Global Education, Director, World Bank
- **Carmen Burbano**, Director of School-Based Programmes, World Food Programme
- **David Archer**, Head of Programmes and Influencing, ActionAid

*Underscoring the critical need for intensified investment in education, the panel will illustrate how the EU, Team Europe, partner countries and international partners lead by example through political commitment and practical solutions for more and better education financing. The panel will take stock of progress since the UN Transforming Education Summit and its call for action, and galvanise high level political engagement ahead of the forthcoming Summit of the Future. Panellists will also discuss good practices and scalable financing opportunities under the Global Gateway strategy and advocate for urgent, actionable solutions for education financing that guarantee quality education and skills development across the world.*



Message by **Gordon Brown**, United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education and former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

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13.10-14.30      **Networking Lunch**

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13.30-14.30      *Signatures*

Venue: **Studio 3**

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14.30-15.45      **I.      Equity and inclusion in and through education**

Parallel  
sessions I

Venue: **Studio 4**

Moderator: **Eniola Harrison**, Communications-&-business-development professional

Speakers:

- **Janez Lenarčič**, European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management
- **Mwanaidi Ali Khamis**, Deputy Minister of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Tanzania
- **György Hölvenyi**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Catherine Russell**, Executive Director, UNICEF (Video message)
- **Yasmine Sherif**, Executive Director, Education Cannot Wait
- **Chido Mpemba**, African Union Chairperson's Special Envoy on Youth
- **Kathleen Sherwin**, Plan International, Chief Strategy and Engagement Officer

*Addressing the critical role of education in advancing equity and inclusion, the panel will highlight how the EU and its partners are promoting equality, including gender equality and inclusion, through strategic investments. It will showcase efforts under the Global Gateway strategy to enhance inclusive education for all, illustrate global, regional and country partnerships combating inequalities, and present forms of engagement with civil society and empowerment of young people with the overall goal of driving progress towards a more equitable and sustainable development.*

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**II.      Gearing up VET and higher education for the future**

Venue: **Studio 1**

Moderator: **Olaf Bruns**, Journalist

Speakers:

- **Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen**, Director-General, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission
  - **Ndolembaï Sadé Njesada**, Minister of National Education and Civic Promotion, Chad
  - **Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven**, Managing Director, GIZ
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- **Nardos Bekele-Thomas**, Chief Executive Officer for the Africa Union Development Agency- New Partnerships for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD)
- **Nader-Iman Imani**, Vice President Digital Business, Festo Didactic
- **Olusola Bandele Oyewole**, Secretary General of the Association of African Universities (AAU)
- **Roos Hogenkamp**, Member of the Board/ Manager Global, Nuffic

*The panel will showcase investments in higher education and vocational education and training (VET) in support of major social and economic transformations as the world seeks to achieve an equitable twin transition. Through practical examples, speakers will discuss how these investments are key to achieve Global Gateway's objectives and the SDGs by providing skills that match the needs of societies and of adjusting labour markets. They will also illustrate the role of higher education and VET in supporting progress across various economic sectors and boosting resilience to shocks, mitigating local and global threats, and anticipating future trends. Through advancing skills and knowledge, higher education and VET help economies create decent jobs, cope with major challenges and risks, and navigate socio-economic transformations.*

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15.45-16.15

**Networking Coffee**

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16.15-17.30

**III. The green transition, greening education, and green skills**

Parallel sessions II

Venue: **Studio 4**

Moderator: **Olaf Bruns**, Journalist

Speakers:

- **Dubravka Šuica**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Democracy and Demography (video message)
- **Kitty van der Heijden**, Deputy Executive Director for Partnerships, UNICEF
- **Jurriaan Middelhoff**, Ambassador for Youth, Education and Work of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- **Phout Simmalavong**, Minister of Education and Sports, Lao PDR
- **Lise Korsten**, President, African Academy of Sciences
- **Samuel Mue**, Youth and SDG Leader, Kenya, African Youth Climate Assembly
- **Sven Rooms**, General Director, VVOB

*This panel will present EU's commitment to partnerships around future-proof education systems, advancing quality and inclusive green education and skills, while leaving no one behind. It will discuss the enabling role of learning ecosystems for Global Gateway green investments and value chains through education at all levels, including higher education and research. By showcasing exemplary practices of strengthening education system resilience in the face of learning loss due to climate change and environmental disasters, the panel will discuss opportunities for EU partnerships in education as a response to climate change, environment, and the green transition. Youth voices will highlight their involvement in developing climate-smart education systems, for inclusive growth and a more sustainable future.*



## IV. The digital transition, digital education, and digital skills

Venue: **Studio 1**

Moderator: **Jean Van Wetter**, CEO of Enabel, Belgian Development Agency

Speakers:

- **Martin Seychell**, Deputy Director-General, DG International Partnerships, European Commission
- **Moctar Ould Dahi**, Minister of National Education and Reform of Education System, Mauritania
- **Mariin Ratnik**, Undersecretary for Economic and Development Affairs, Estonia
- **Didi Esther Walson-Jack**, Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, Nigeria
- **Lorna Akoacha Enow**, Youth Sounding Board, Cameroon
- **Erik Huizer**, CEO of GÉANT
- **Magdalena Brier**, Managing Director, ProFuturo

*The major transformative impact of digital technologies on societies and work has emphasised the critical need for investments in digital education and skills. These investments are crucial to overcoming socio-economic divides, promoting digital rights, and unlocking the potential of digital technologies for human, economic and democratic progress. The EU, as a global education partner and digital pioneer, and its partnerships play an important role in promoting progress and best practices in digital education and skills under the Global Gateway strategy. The panel will show examples of how inclusive and high-quality digital learning can support a human-centric transformation leaving no one behind and explores opportunities and future partnerships through investment in digital education.*

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17.45-18.20

### Closing session

#### Recap from the day

- **Andrea Remes**, Member of the EU Youth Sounding Board for International Partnerships, Mexico / France
- **Sister Zeph**, Teacher, Founder and CEO, Winner of the 2023 Global Teacher Prize, ZWEE Foundation, Pakistan

**Closing Remarks by Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships and **Caroline Gennez**, Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities of Belgium and **Moctar Ould Dahi**, Minister of National Education and Reform of Education System of Mauritania

*The closing session will conclude the journey through the Global Gateway High-Level Event on Education and reflect on the insights gained, celebrate the achievements showcased and chart a forward-looking path for the transformative next steps in international partnerships in education, with a special focus on the 2024 UN Summit for the Future.*

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18.20-19.30

### Reception

