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Briefing

"Reach Them to Teach Them: the role of Psychology in achieving Universal Access to Education"

(In Observance of World Health Day - 7 April)

Date: Thursday, 14 April 2011

Time: 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Location: Conference Room 3, North Lawn Building

Background Information

In observance of World Health Day 2011, which marks the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO), this Briefing will focus on psychology's role in achieving universal access to education.

According to UNESCO, 100 million primary school-aged children were out of school in 2008. This report also found that only 64% of eligible children from the poorest households were attending primary school. Psychologists concerned with the large number of children out of school have been producing innovative solutions to increase access to education in a variety of contexts. Through the study of human behavior, psychologists have shed light on the multi-faceted barriers that compromise full educational opportunities for girls and boys, women and men to achieve their full potential in all fields of endeavor.

Psychologists have been able to apply behavioral science to meet the needs of all children by designing culturally relevant educational interventions and child care policies in diverse settings. In this way, psychologists contribute to the mission of the United Nations and the achievement of

the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly the education goal (MDG 2) which will speed progress toward achieving all the other MDGs.

This Briefing, which has been organized by NGO Relations with the support of the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations and the American Psychology Association, is part of the observance of Psychology Day at the United Nations. It will examine the role psychology has played in enabling children to attend primary school and also identify ways the NGO community, private sector, and individuals may become more involved in reaching out to help all children attend school.

All Briefings begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. and we ask that our audience be seated by 10:00 a.m. sharp.

MODERATOR

María Luisa Chávez; Chief, NGO Relations, Department of Public Information (DPI)

OPENING REMARKS

H.E. Regina Maria Cordeiro Dunlop is the Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations. Ambassador Dunlop graduated from the University of Rio de Janeiro and holds a Master of Arts in Linguistics from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. After a two-year course at the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy, Ambassador Dunlop was admitted as a career diplomat and has since then assumed progressive positions in the Brazilian Foreign Service, in both the economic and political fields. She has also served in the Brazilian Embassies in London and Beijing. Before being appointed as Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, Ambassador Dunlop headed the Department of Asia and Oceania of the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Barbara Reynolds is currently Senior Education Advisor with UNICEF, New York where she leads the Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Capacity-Building and Knowledge Management Hub (PCK) of its Education Section. She also leads the High-Level Advocacy for Education at UNICEF. Ms. Reynolds has worked with UNICEF for most of the last twenty years, serving as UNICEF Representative in Botswana (2007-2009), Deputy Representative of Programmes and Field Operations in Nigeria (2001-2007), Chief of Education in China (1997-2000), and Chief of Education, Children in Difficult Circumstances and Women's Development/Gender in Angola (1991-1994). Ms. Reynolds holds a B.A. in Education (CUC), an M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction (Howard), and an Ed. D. in International Educational Development/Curriculum and Teaching from Columbia Teachers College. Ms. Reynolds is fluent in Portuguese. She is a native of Guyana.

Dr. Maria Regina Maluf works as a professor of psychology at the Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil. Dr. Maluf received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. Until her retirement, she worked as a professor at the University of São Paulo. She is also the current president of the Interamerican Society of Psychology (2009-2011) and a

member of the IAAP Board of Directors since 2003. In 2008, Dr. Maluf was honored with a seat in the Academia Paulista de Psicologia. Her research focuses on a number of issues including: educational and developmental issues for children; school and social integration; innovative educational psychology practices for children at risk by poverty; and social sources of difficulty in learning to read and the forms of instruction that facilitate this process.

Dr. Pamela Ebert Flattau is a Research Staff Member at the Institute for Defense Analysis in the Science and Technology Policy Institute in Washington DC. In this role, Dr. Flattau has led policy studies in support of the work of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the US Department of Education. Dr. Flattau previously served as a science policy fellow with the US Congress (Senate Subcommittee on Children and Youth). She also worked as a policy analyst with the NSF Science and Engineering Indicators Unit, and led national studies of workforce development for the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council.

Foday Sackor is a candidate for a Masters Degree in International Affairs at Columbia University, with a concentration in International Finance and Economic Policy. He previously attended the University of Maryland, Robert H. Smith School of Business. He is a Liberian refugee camp survivor, whose family made the trip to the United States from Buduburam refugee camp in Ghana in 1999.

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