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The UN Secretary-General's Global Initiative on Education

**Global Education First Initiative**

## Save the Date

### Roundtable Debate: Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education

Thursday, 2 June 2016  
10:00 AM-12:30 PM

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters

#### Opening session

- Permanent Representative of **Tunisia**
- Deputy Permanent Mission of the **Republic of Korea**

#### Interactive Panel

- **Ms. Soo Hyang Choi**, UNESCO Director, Division of Inclusion, Peace and Sustainable Development, Paris, France
- **Mr. Dean Peidmont**, Director, Countering violent Extremism (CVE) and Reintegration Initiative, New York
- **Mr. Abdihafid Yussuf Abdi**, co-founder of Teachers Against Violent Extremism and co-chair of Community Development Initiative, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Mr. Benjamin Ducol**, Research Manager, Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence, Montreal, Canada
- **Ms. Naureen Chowdhury Fink**, Head of Research and Analysis, Global Centre for Cooperative Security, New York

**Moderator:** **Mr. Jorge Sequeira**, UNESCO Representative to the CTITF and Co-chair of the Working Group on Conditions Conducive to the Spread of Terrorism

## Background

The UNSG Global Education First Initiative (GEFI) advocates global citizenship education (GCED) as one of its 3 priority areas. As a GEFI partner, UNESCO leads the technical work in GCED at the global level and seeks to equip learners with knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that are based on and instill respect for human rights and diversity, and contribute to building young people's resilience to violent extremist messaging. On 15 January 2016, the UN Secretary-General presented his Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism to the General Assembly. On 12 February 2016, the General Assembly adopted the resolution which "welcomes the initiative by the Secretary-General, and takes note of his Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism".

The Secretary-General's Plan of Action recommends building on the lessons learned through the work already done by UN agencies in order to refine actions and to ensure greater effectiveness in PVE. The Plan of Action also puts forth education as one of the key elements for Member States to consider in developing national plans or regional strategies to prevent violent extremism. Meanwhile, UNESCO's Executive Board, through its Decision 197EX/46 on Education to Prevent Violent Extremism, has mandated the Organization to assist Member States in ensuring that their education systems contribute appropriately and effectively to broader efforts undertaken at a national level to address the drivers of violent extremism.

The Roundtable Debate on the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education will provide a platform for policy-makers, practitioners and researchers to exchange ideas and share their perspectives, innovative solutions and initiatives in the prevention of violent extremism and the role education can play in the different contexts where young people might be susceptible to movements and organizations promoting violent extremism.

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