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Virtual Side Event Concept Note

Date: 13 April 2023 **Time:** 8:30 am to 9:45 am EDT (New York Time)

Towards Quality Education & Common Good *A Roadmap for Transformation of Education & Health*

The projects/programs and initiatives of Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization (UNESCO) embraces a fluid, iterative and collective approach to forward-looking vision of what education, learning and good health might yet become, and allow us individually and collaboratively to become. We aim to mobilize humanity's collective intelligence, that involves youth, educators, civil society, governments, business, corporations and stakeholders. There is a rich diversity of ways of knowing, which relies on a broad and open-process. Education transforms the world.

The objective of this side event is, to discuss sound policies and planning as well as efficient implementation arrangements, to achieve our common agenda. We recognize that success in education and health can be achieved by thinking together – so we can act together to the futures we want. The goal is to generate discussion and action on the role of education, knowledge and learning in view of the predicted, possible and preferred futures of humanity and the planet. Education and Health are human rights.

Our vision, our efforts: Knowledge and learning are humanity's greatest renewable resources for responding to challenges and inventing alternatives. Yet, education does more than respond to a changing world. WHEC's recommendations and areas of development to achieve United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda are:

1. Inclusion and equity in and through education sector: It is the cornerstone of a transformative education agenda.
2. Access: Motivated by our significant achievements in expanding access to evidence-based health information on our global platform <http://www.WomensHealthSection.com> for the last two decades – we will ensure the provision of access to the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of free, publicly-privately funded, equitable quality primary and secondary education, of which at least 10 years are compulsory, leading to relevant learning outcomes.

3. Gender Equality: We are committed to supporting gender-sensitive policies, planning and learning environments; mainstreaming gender issues in teacher training and curricula; and eliminating gender-based discrimination and violence in schools.
4. Quality Education: Our resource and continuing education projects and programs ensures quality education, that fosters creativity and knowledge, and ensures the acquisition of the foundational skills of literacy and numeracy as well as analytical, problem-solving and other high-level cognitive, interpersonal and social skills. It also develops the skills, values and attitudes that enable citizens to lead healthy and fulfilled lives, make informed decisions, and responds to local and global challenges through education for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Global Citizenship Education.
5. Lifelong Learning Opportunities: We commit to promoting quality lifelong learning opportunities for all, in all settings and at all levels of education. This includes equitable and increased access to quality technical and vocational education and training and higher education and research, with due attention to quality assurance. In addition, the provision of flexible learning pathways, as well as the recognition, validation and accreditation of the knowledge, skills and competencies acquired through non-formal and informal education, is important. <http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/cme/>

6. WHEC's e-Learning, e-Health and e-Government Initiative:

[Improving Global Partnerships for Education and Health | High-Level Political Forum 2022 \(un.org\)](https://hlpf.un.org/2022/programme/improving-global-partnerships-for-education-and-health)

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We recognize that the success of the Education requires sound policies and planning as well as efficient implementation arrangement.

Our Common Agenda.

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I. From WHEC

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Our Brief History:

<http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/Our-Brief-History.pdf>

Introduction & Rethinking Purpose and Content of Education for the 21st century

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(K-12) Education in Africa: The role of AI, Data and Experimental Learning

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Digital Public Goods (DPGs): For Catalyzing Transformation in Education & Health
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Sustainable Development and Education Reform: Beyond the Rhetoric
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Public Schools Reimagined in USA: Case Study, Springfield, MA

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Health Promoting Schools and Improving Global Partnerships in Health and Education

AGENDA

8:30 am – 8:35 am	Welcome and Introduction – Dr. Rita Luthra
8:35 am – 8:45 am	WHEC's Statement – Dr. Rita Luthra
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Dr. Valentina Baltag; WHO HQ Health Promoting Schools & Improving Partnership
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Dr. Ganesh Mani & Dr. Edith Luhanga K-12 Education in Africa & Digital Public Goods
9:15 am – 9:35 am	Dr. Colleen Kraft Initiatives for better Health Dr. Lubna Qutranji Health and Education Services for Migrants in Turkey Dr. Roger Worthington Sustainable Education Reforms
9:35 am – 9:40 am	Dr. Dawna K. Jenne Public School Reimagined: Springfield, MA (USA)
9:40 am – 9:45 am	Q & A.

Q & A: Please write in the Chat Box and the Speakers will reply or feel free to contact the Speakers directly.

Thank you for Joining!