Regional Meeting of Education Ministers of Latin America and the Caribbean

“Education and Skills for the 21st Century”

Palacio San Martín,
Buenos Aires, Argentina
24 – 25 January, 2017

The UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago, and the Ministry of Education and Sports of the Republic of Argentina, are organizing the Regional Meeting of Education Ministers of Latin America and the Caribbean, “E2030: Education and skills for the 21st century”. The expected results of the meeting are the following:

- Adoption of a Declaration by the Ministers on a concerted effort to achieve the SDG4-E2030 Agenda in the region, including means of implementation, technical instruments of support and follow-up mechanisms.

- Agreement on a consensual roadmap to implement E2030, that responds to the region’s social and economic situation and educational expectations.
### Day 1, Tuesday, 24 January, 2017

**Morning**

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<td>08:30 – 09:00</td>
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| 09:00 – 9:30  | **Inaugural session**  
- Hon. Gustavo Zlauvinen, Under Secretary for External Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Argentina  
- Mr. Qian Tang, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO  
- Hon. Esteban Bullrich, Minister of Education and Sports, Argentina |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | **Objectives of the meeting**  
Ms. Cecilia Barbieri, Director a.i., OREALC/UNESCO Santiago                                                                             |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | **Introduction: SDG 4 – Education 2030: a multidimensional approach to education in complex times**  
Mr. Jordan Naidoo, Director, Education 2030 Support and Coordination, UNESCO Paris                                                       |
| 10:00 – 11:20 | **Opening panel: Education and skills for the 21st Century - Perspectives from and for Latin America and the Caribbean**  
In this session, Ministers from the three countries that represent Latin America and the Caribbean in the SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee will review progress on coordination mechanisms, monitoring and implementation of the SDG-Education 2030 Agenda, analyse the status of education and main challenges for the 21st century in the region, and provide strategic guidance and policy options to support the implementation of SDG-4.  
**Introduction:** Mr. Jordan Naidoo, Director, Education 2030 Support and Coordination, UNESCO Paris - **Moderator**  
**Presentation:** inputs for the meeting “Education and Skills for the 21st Century, Ms. Cecilia Barbieri, Director a.i., OREALC/UNESCO Santiago  
**Presenters:**  
- Hon. Esteban Bullrich, Minister of Education and Sports, Argentina  
- Hon. José Mendonça Bezerra Filho, Minister of Education, Brazil |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | **Coffee break**                                                                                                                                                |
| 11:40 – 13:00 | **Round table 1: A renewed focus on the quality of education for sustainable development**  
This session will debate innovative approaches to education quality, in view of the region’s situation while considering the key role of education in the Sustainable Development Agenda, with a view to building a common understanding of the ways forward and the role of education as key enabler for a sustainable development.  
**Introduction and presentation of the video “Tell them what you want to learn”: Mr. Atílio Pizarro, Coordinator of the Latin American Laboratory for Assessment of the Quality of Education (LLECE), OREALC/UNESCO Santiago – **Moderator**  
**Presenters:**  
- Ms. Mercedes Miguel, Secretary of Education Quality, Ministry of Education and Sports, Argentina (member of the SDG4/E2030 Steering Committee)  
- Ms. Valentina Quiroga, Under Secretary of Education, Chile  
- Hon. Shawn K Richards, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, St. Kitts and Nevis  
- Hon. Freddy Peñafiel Larrea, Minister of Education, Ecuador |
| 13:00 – 14:15 | **Lunch in the Los Frescos room**                                                                                                                                  |
### Day 1, Tuesday, 24 January, 2017

#### Afternoon

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Round table 2. Learning to learn: key skills for the 21st century educators. What to do in Latin America and the Caribbean?**

> ‘Schools of the 19th century, teachers of the 20th century, students of the 21st century’. In this session, through sharing of experiences and evidence-based policy recommendations, new teaching approaches to face the challenges of the 21st century will be discussed.

**Introduction:** Mr. Pablo Cevallos Estarellas, Director, IIEP- UNESCO Buenos Aires – **Moderator**

**Presenters:**
- Hon. Marilú Martens Cortes, Minister of Education, Peru
- Ms. Marcia Potter, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture, British Virgin Islands,
- Ms. Margarita McPherson, Deputy Minister of Education, Cuba
- Mr. Cristian Cox, Chair of Technical Secretariat, UNESCO Regional Strategy on Teachers

**Comments, Q&A**

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**16:00 – 16:20**

**Coffee break**

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**16:15 – 17:40**

**Round table 3: Education to transform lives - lifelong learning to advance the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda**

> In this session, experiences and recent evidence on the need to adopt lifelong learning as a conceptual framework and organizing principle for education reforms in order to advance sustainable development in the region will be shared; possible strategies and institutional arrangements conducive to lifelong learning implementation will be discussed.

**Introduction:** Ms. Cecilia Barbieri, Director a.i., OREALC/UNESCO Santiago

**Presenters:**
- Hon. Carlos Canjura, Minister of Education, El Salvador
- Ms. Daniela Trucco, Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, ECLAC
- Ms. Carmen Campero Cuenca, Vice-President for Latin America, International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)
- Ms Carolina Belalcazar Canal, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UNESCO-UIL), (Hamburg, Germany)

**Comments, Q&A**

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**20:15**

**Dinner offered by the Hon. Esteban Bullrich, Minister of Education and Sports, Argentina**

Buenos Aires Museum of Latin American Art (MALBA), 3415 Figueroa Alcorta Av.

### Day 2, Wednesday, 25 January, 2017

#### Morning

**09:00 – 09:15**

**Brief summary of the previous day**

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**09:15 – 10:30**

**Round table 4: Monitoring the E2030 Agenda; status of instruments and mechanisms to monitor SDG-4**

> This session will present the situation of the SDG 4 indicators’ framework and the ensuing challenges for national and international education information systems as well as identify relevant criteria for monitoring SDG 4 at the national and regional level.

**Introduction:** Ms. Silvia Montoya, Director, UNESCO Institute for Statistics, Montreal – **Moderator**

**Presentation on the current status of instruments and mechanisms to monitor SDG-4:** Mr. Juan Cruz Perusia, Regional Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNESCO UIS, Santiago
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| 10:50 – 12:10| Round table 5: Partnerships and instruments for the implementation of E2030 – Building coalitions  
*In this session, state and non-state actors will share ideas and initiatives towards meeting SDG-4 and the education-related areas in other SDGs, with a view to developing inter-sectoral collaboration and alliances in support of E2030.*  
**Introduction:** Jorge Sequeira, Consultant - **Moderator**  
**Presenters:**  
- Mr. Vincenzo Placco, Regional Specialist on Inclusive Education, UNICEF- Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean  
- Ms. Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director, Department of Social Inclusion, Organization of American States  
- Mr. Paulo Speller, Secretary General, Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture  
- Mr. Alfredo Jimenez, Technical Coordinator, Parlatino  
- Ms. Camila Croso, General Coordinator, Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE)  
- Mr. Sergio Kaufman, Accenture Latinoamérica  
**Comments, Q&A** |
| 12:10 – 13:45| Ministerial debate on the Declaration  
*In this session, Ministers of the three countries that represent Latin America and the Caribbean in the SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee will present the final Declaration proposal based on a common regional perspective on E2030 and a space will be opened for the countries to intervene.*  
- Hon. Esteban Bullrich, Minister of Education and Sports, Republic of Argentina  
- Hon. Roberto Ivan Aguilar Gomez, Minister of Education, Plurinational State of Bolivia  
- Hon. José Mendonça Bezerra Filho, Minister of Education, Brazil  
**Moderators:**  
Hon. Esteban Bullrich, Minister of Education and Sports, Argentina  
Mr. Qian Tang, Assistant Director General for Education, UNESCO  
**Interventions:**  
Representatives of the Ministers of Education  
**Lunch in the Mirror Hall and Los Frescos room** |
| 15:30 – 16:30| Adoption of the Buenos Aires Declaration  
**Final remarks** |
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<td>The Ministers or their representatives, representatives of the United Nations Agencies, of multilateral and regional organizations, of the civil society and other stakeholders are invited to participate in this working session to determine an agreed road map based on the Declaration</td>
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