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World Teachers' Day 2023

The teachers we need for the education we want:
The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage

OCTOBER 2023
5 World Teachers' Day

Celebrations
around the world

Regional and multi-country events

- **5 October 2023**; 2:00 pm-3:45 pm (EAT); Online: [Registration link](#)

African Union Continental Teacher Award Ceremony 2023 and Webinar on “Investing in Our Teacher: Professional Standards and Competencies, Working Conditions, and Teacher Education”

Teacher Development is one of the key strategic objectives of the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 16-25). The webinar will include (i) introductory remarks; (ii) a brief presentation of a report on professional standards, teacher education, and working conditions; and (iii) the award ceremony for the winners of the Continental Teacher Award.

Jointly organised by the African Union and the Teacher Development Cluster under CESA 16-25 coordinated by IICBA.

- **5 October 2023**; Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Roundtable on teacher policies at the 2nd KIX Continental Symposium on Educational Research in Africa (3-5 October 2023, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire).

The day will include a session with teachers' voices, a presentation by Dr. Christian Addai-Poku, Secretary General of AFTRA, Chief Executive of the National Teaching Council of Ghana, and President of Education International, and other speakers. This will be followed by a roundtable on professional standards and competencies, teacher education, and working conditions.

The KIX Symposium is jointly organised by the KIX Africa 19 Hub whose Secretariat is managed by IICBA and the KIX Africa 21 Hub.

- **The UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA) will release several studies for Teachers' Day**, including "West Africa – Investing in Teachers and School Leaders: Professional Standards, Teacher Education, and Working Conditions."

The study investigates the state of professional standards and competencies for teachers and school leaders in West Africa against the backdrop of guidance from instruments developed by UNESCO, Education International, and the African Union Commission. It considers: (1) the national frameworks of professional standards and competencies and their implementation; (2) teacher education, both pre-service and in-service; and (3) the working conditions of teachers and school leaders. In addition to analysis across West African countries, more detailed analysis is also conducted for Sierra Leone and The Gambia to illustrate differences between countries in approaches and policies.

- **5 October 2023; 10 am-12:30 pm (WAT); Online**

"Reflection on the teacher shortage and questions about the attractiveness of the teaching profession in West Africa."

Topics covered include the motivation and quality of teaching, quality and relevance of initial and in-service training, improving teacher management and governance, and teacher recruitment.

Jointly organised by the UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office for West Africa based in Dakar and IICBA.

National events

Cambodia

5 October 2023

National Teachers' Day Celebrations in Cambodia (Phnom Penh)

Jointly organised by MoEYS and UNESCO Phnom Penh Office

Cameroon

5 October 2023, Yaoundé, Cameroon

The *Multisectoral Regional Office of UNESCO Office for Central Africa* **celebrates World Teachers Day**. The Celebration will take place in the presence of members of the Government and the Regional Director will make a speech on this occasion.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

5 October 2023; 10:00 am-12:00 pm (CAT); Lubumbashi, DRC

Ceremony for handing over micro-science kits to science teachers of UNESCO associated schools in the province of Haut Katanga (Lubumbashi) in DRC.

Organised by the provincial Ministry of Education, the UNESCO office and NATCOM.

Ghana

3-4 October 2023 in Tokoradi, Ghana

Ghana Teacher Prize 2023 and 2-day symposium with the theme of "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage". Part of the programme is to review the implementation of the Comprehensive National Teacher Policy (CNTTP) in the country. The symposium can be joined via [Facebook live](#).

The symposium is organised by the National Teaching Council and supported by the NTI project and UNESCO Accra Office.

Malawi

18 October 2023 in Mzuzu City, Malawi

National World Teachers Day celebrations will include the presentation of awards to outstanding teachers, performances, speeches, and a parade for all stakeholders led by the Malawi Police Band. The State President of the Republic Malawi will open the celebration of World Teachers Day.

Tonga

6 October 2023

National Teachers' Day Celebrations in Tonga

Uganda

28-29 September 2023

A **teachers' social dialogue** was organized that brought in 140 teachers through the National Teachers Unions and the Teacher Education Department. Issues relating to teacher professionalism and welfare of teachers were addressed, in line with the theme of this year's World Teachers' Day.

4 October 2023

UNESCO, the National Teachers Union and the Teacher Education department participate in a **live talk show on national TV** (National Broadcasting Corporation)

5 October 2023

UNESCO will join the **National Teachers' Day celebration** organised by the Ministry of Education and Sport. The event will be live on national broadcast TV and radios.

Zimbabwe

5 October 2023 ; 10:30 am-12:30 pm (CAT) ; Online: [Registration link](#)

Webinar to celebrate World Teachers' Day in Zimbabwe and to share insights on how we can advance the interest and role of the teacher in improving education outcomes.

Organised by UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa.

More events will be added in the coming days - please check our [website](#) regularly for any updates.