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EDUCATION
SUMMIT 2022

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Transforming Education Summit
convened by the United Nations
Secretary-General
Information Note

19 September 2022 – Leaders Day

16-17 September 2022 – Mobilization and Solutions Days

I. About the Summit

Recognizing that education is a human right and a foundation for peace, tolerance, other human rights and sustainable development, the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General is convening world leaders for a Transforming Education Summit (TES) on Monday 19 September 2022, as a key milestone in the advancement of Our Common Agenda¹. The Summit will be preceded by engagements on Mobilization and Solutions on Friday, 16 and Saturday, 17 September respectively, in which ministerial-participation is encouraged.

The Summit is being convened in response to a global crisis in education – one of equity and inclusion, quality and relevance. Often slow and unseen, this crisis is having a devastating impact on the futures of children and youth worldwide with progress towards the education-related Sustainable Development Goals badly off track. If unaddressed, its negative impacts on our collective pursuit of peace, justice, human rights and sustainable development will be felt for decades to come.

Preparatory process

Building on the seminal report from the UNESCO International Commission on the Futures of Education which was chaired by Ms. Sahle-work Zewde, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia², and the lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic, **a focused, intensive, and inclusive preparatory process** has been undertaken in 2022:

- **National consultations** have been advanced in over 100 countries to develop a shared vision, commitment and alignment of action across constituencies to transform education.
- **Thematic Action Tracks** have been convened at the global level to place a spotlight on the areas that require greater attention and action: (1) Inclusive, equitable, safe and healthy schools; (2) Teachers, teaching and the teaching profession; (3) Learning and skills for life, work and sustainable development; (4) Digital learning and transformation; and (5) Financing of education.
- **Public engagement and mobilization** efforts have sought to democratize dialogue around education and to grow a global movement for education transformation.

A **Pre-Summit, held at UNESCO HQ in Paris from 28 to 30 June 2022**, provided an inclusive forum for countries to present preliminary outcomes of national consultations and engage in discussions of key recommendations from the Summit Action Tracks. The meeting generated significant momentum with the participation of more than 1,800 persons, including 154 Ministers of Education and Vice-Ministers and two Heads of State. It clearly indicated, however, that more work was needed to have localized and deeper conversations on the country-specific transformations.

¹ <https://www.un.org/en/content/common-agenda-report/>

² [UNESCO International Commission on the Futures of Education](#)

Objectives and expected outcomes

The Summit provides a unique opportunity to elevate education to the top of the global political agenda and to mobilize action, ambition, solidarity and solutions to recover pandemic-related learning losses and sow the seeds to transform education in a rapidly changing world.

Building on the Summit preparations, the main expected outcomes of the September Summit are:

1. National and international commitments to transform education;
2. Greater public engagement around and support for transforming education; and
3. A Vision Statement on Transforming Education from the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General's Vision Statement will be formally submitted as an input to intergovernmental negotiations on the future of education as part of the preparations for the proposed UN Summit of the Future. It will also inform the work of the SDG4-Education 2030 High-Level Steering Committee in order to ensure effective follow-up at all levels.

II. Programme Overview

A Leaders Day will be held on Monday 19 September, from 10:00 to 19:00 (New York EDT). Summit engagement days will be held on Friday 16 September (Mobilization Day) and Saturday 17 September (Solutions Day) at UNHQ.

16 September: Mobilization Day

The Mobilization Day will be youth-led and youth-organized and will involve the full participation of a wide range of stakeholders. It will serve to convey the collective recommendations of youth on transforming education to decision and policymakers, informed by the Summit Youth Declaration. It will also focus on mobilizing the global public, youth, teachers, civil society and others to support the transformation of education across the world. Ministers and Member State delegations are actively encouraged to participate in these engagements. Further details will be provided in due course.

17 September: Solutions Day

The Solutions Day will provide a platform for partners to mobilize support to launch or scale up initiatives connected to the Summit Thematic Action Tracks. Coalitions for action or other multi-stakeholder initiatives that will contribute to transforming education will be presented. Member States are encouraged to co-organize sessions and events on 17 September. A call for proposals to organize events and sessions on 17 September has been launched and can be accessed on the Summit website here: [Summit Solutions Day Call for Proposals | United Nations](#)

19 September: Leaders Day

Leaders Day will be dedicated to the presentation of National Statements of Commitment by Heads of State and Government in the form of Leaders Roundtables. A limited number of thematic sessions will also be held to place a focus on cross-cutting priorities for transforming education. Leaders Day will also feature presentation of the Summit Youth Declaration and the Secretary-General's Vision Statement for Transforming Education. A **programme outline is included in Annex 1**. Details regarding the list of speakers and access are included in sections below.

III. Security arrangements and registration

Access to the United Nations complex during the high-level meetings of the UN General Assembly will be restricted to delegates and their staff; staff members of the United Nations Secretariat and of the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system; accredited media; and affiliates who have been issued a United Nations grounds pass.

Members of civil society and non-governmental organizations who are invited to attend the Summit will be required to be in possession of government-issued identification and a special event ticket (indicating a specific meeting, date and time) at all times

Official Delegation Registration and Access (Member States, observers, intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and related organizations).

Registration of official delegations to attend the Transforming Education Summit (16-17, 19 September) will be carried out by the Protocol and Liaison Service.

Missions and offices are required to submit their registration requests for members of their delegations (in-person participants only) by using the existing online eRegistration system, available through the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edelegate.un.int>). Please note that it is not necessary to register as a virtual participant in order to follow meetings online, which are broadcast via United Nations Web TV or on the Internet. The deadline for submission of registration requests is **Friday, 9 September 2022**.

Access to the General Assembly hall and restricted areas during Leaders Day on 19 September will require a regular delegate's pass and a secondary colour-coded access card. The access cards are transferable strictly among members of a delegation only. For that purpose, the Protocol and Liaison Service will proceed as follows:

- Every permanent mission will be issued six cards of one colour for access to the General Assembly Hall and four cards of a different colour for access to the second floor of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings;
- Each intergovernmental organization whose registration has been accepted will be issued two colour-coded access cards and each specialized agency will be issued one colour-coded access card for access to the General Assembly Hall; in addition, each intergovernmental organization and specialized agency will receive two cards of a different colour for access to the second floor of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings;

- All Participants from Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) and Specialized Agencies and related organizations who have been designated to attend the Transforming Education Summit in person may receive a ground pass to access the UNHQ during the Summit through designated e-Registration focal points of their organizations or their respective Observer Missions in New York, who have access to the e-Registration system.
- Staff members of the United Nations secretariat, funds, programmes, regional commissions and other entities of the United Nations system (except Specialized agencies), who have been designated to attend the Summit (in person), are invited to fill out the online expression of interest/registration link that will be available on TES website soon.
- If required, access cards will be issued to representatives of Member States, observers, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies participating in other high-level meetings and associated panel discussions for access to various conference rooms during the Transforming Education Summit from 17 to 19 September 2022.

Registration for other participants

All others interested in participating in the Summit proceedings (16-17 September, 19 September) – young people, civil society, the private sector and others – are invited to [fill out the online expression of interest form available on the Summit website](#) by **31 August**.

Please note that there will only be a limited number of spaces available for other participants at the Transforming Education Summit Leaders Day. Access will only be possible for those who had their expression of interest accepted by the Summit secretariat and that are in possession of government-issued identification and a special event ticket (indicating the specific meeting, date and time) obtained through the Summit secretariat.

IV. Delivery of national statements and speakers registration

During the Leaders Day on 19 September, Heads of State and Government are invited to present a national statement of commitment to transform education. Leaders are encouraged to place particular emphasis on the steps which will be taken to recover pandemic-related learning losses; to reimagine education towards 2030 and beyond and to secure the financial resources needed to deliver in both of these areas. Additional guidance for preparing a national statement of commitment is available on the [Transforming Education Knowledge Hub](#).

It should be noted that all statements are to be delivered live in person. Due to the limited time available, time limits of **4 minutes** for national statements will be strictly implemented.

Member States wishing to deliver a statement at the level of Head of State or Government are invited to inscribe in the provisional list of speakers through the e-Speakers module in e-deleGATE. [Registration is now open and the deadline for inscription is 6 September 2022](#).

Pre-recorded video messages from Heads of State and Government wishing to address the Summit but unable to attend the Summit in person will be posted to the Summit website and will inform the final report of the Summit. Member States wishing to submit a video statement are encouraged to contact the Summit secretariat at TES.videos@unesco.org.

Delegations are requested to provide a copy of their statement by email to estatements@un.org, in both PDF and Word, well in advance of the meeting, but no later than 2 hours before the meeting, indicating the title and date of the meeting, and the name and delegation of the speaker.

V. General considerations in the context of COVID-19

For information regarding the practical arrangements for the conduct of the high-level meetings and general debate of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly in light of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, please see the information note on Arrangements for the high-level meetings and the general debate of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly (to be issued as [A/INF/77/4](#)).

VI. Contact information

The detailed programme of the Summit and other details will be posted on the [TES website](#).

Summit materials, including in relation to National Consultations, Thematic Action Tracks and Public engagement are available on the [Transforming Education Knowledge Hub](#).

Key dates for action

| Action | Contact information | Deadline |
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| Call for proposals to organize events and sessions on the Solutions Day (17 September) | https://www.un.org/en/transforming-education-summit/solutions-day-call-proposals | 18 August 2022 |
| Registration of official delegation (Member States, observers, intergovernmental organizations , specialized agencies and related organizations) | e-deleGATE portal https://edelegate.un.int | 9 September 2022 |
| Registration of all others partners and stakeholders (young people, civil society, the private sector and others) | Online expression of interest form on the Summit Website https://indico.un.org/event/1002432/ | 31 August 2022 |
| Registration of staff members of the United Nations secretariat and of the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system (except Specialized agencies) | Online expression of interest form on the Summit Website : forthcoming link | TBC |
| Speakers list inscription (to deliver national statement of commitments) | The e-Speakers module in e-deleGATE | 6 September 2022 |
| Submission of a pre-recorded video statement to be uploaded on the Website (Head of States and Governments) | The Summit secretariat at TES.videos@unesco.org . | 15 September 2022 |
| Submission of a copy of national statement of commitment to be delivered during the Summit | estatements@un.org | 19 September 2022 (2 hours before the meeting at the latest) |
| Submission of a national consultation outcome report | tes.nationalconsultations@unesco.org | 15 August 2022 |
| Any inquiry related to the Summit | Summit Secretariat at tes@unesco.org | |

Annex 1: Programme Outline

Transforming Education Summit Leaders Day, 19 September

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| 8:30 - 10:00 | Annual SDG Moment General Assembly Hall | | |
| Transforming Education Summit | | | |
| 10:00 - 10:40 | Opening session (General Assembly Hall) Address by the UN Secretary-General and special guests | | |
| 10:40 - 11:20 | Towards Education Transformation (General Assembly Hall) Scene setting panel | | |
| 11:30 - 13:15 | Transforming Education Together Part I | | |
| | Leaders Roundtable 1 Trusteeship Council Chamber | Leaders Roundtable 2 Economic and Social Council Chamber | Thematic Session 1: Education in situations of crisis Conference Room 4 |
| 13:30 - 14:45 | Lunch Break | | |
| | Thematic session 2: Foundational learning Conference Room 4 | Thematic session 3: Education for Sustainable Development ECOSOC Chamber | |
| 15:00 - 16:30 | Transforming Education Together Part II | | |
| | Leaders Roundtable 3 Trusteeship Council Chamber | Leaders Roundtable 4 Economic and Social Council Chamber | Thematic session 4: Digital transformation Conference Room 4 |
| 16:45 - 18:15 | Transforming Education Together Part III | | |
| | Leaders Roundtable 5 Trusteeship Council Chamber | Leaders Roundtable 6 Economic and Social Council Chamber | Thematic session 5: Education Financing Conference Room 4 |
| 18:30 - 19:00 | Closing session (General Assembly hall) | | |

