**SDG Learning, Training and Practice 2020 – HLPF Special Event**

**7-13 July 2020 during HLPF**

**VIRTUAL EDITION**

***Opening session: Learning and Training for SDG implementation***

***in the COVID-19 era***

***7 July 2020, 9:00 – 10:30AM (EDT/New York Time)***

***Updated 1 July 2020***

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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| **9:00** | **Welcome Remarks and Opening of the 2020 SDG Learning, Training and Practice**   * **H.E. Mr. Marco A. Suazo**, Head of Office, UNITAR NYO   + *Welcome remarks and introduction of Assistant Secretary-Generals*. * **Mr. Nikhil Seth, Assistant-Secretary General, Executive Director UNITAR**   + *The impact of the current crisis on education.*   + *The impact on how the implementation of the SDGs is affected. How the present will change for everyone is essential. Changes in policies and human challenges.*   + *The impact of the crisis on inequalities*   + *The opportunities presented to focus on improving economies, inequalities, and combating climate change.*   + *Opportunities to increase multilateralism and international cooperation* * **Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.**   + *Launching of the joint DESA/UNITAR MOOC and publication*   + *Call for SDG Acceleration Actions* |
| **9:25** | **Keynote Speaker: Learning and Training for SDG implementation in the COVID-19 era**   * **Professor Fernando Reimers,** Ford Foundation Professor of the Practice of International Education and Director of the Global Education Innovation Initiative and of the International Education Policy Masters Program at Harvard University. |
| **9:55** | **Panel Discussion: The role of Education in building back better in the Decade of Action for Delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals**  Key Questions:   * *What are the main impacts of COVID-19 in the implementation of SDG 4 and education related targets?* * *How can education be part of the efforts to “build back better” and in accelerating the implementation of the SDGs?* * *How can different stakeholders contribute to strengthening the role of education in recovery efforts?*   **Moderator: Ms. Lotta Tahtinen**, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA  **Speakers:**   * **Ms. Vibeke Jensen**, Director, Division for Peace and Sustainable Development, UNESCO (Confirmed). * **Ms Pauline Rose**, Professor of International Education, Cambridge University and Director of the Research for Equitable Access and Learning (REAL) Centre (Confirmed) * **Ms. Tasnim Hemmadeh**, Founder, ActGreen, Syria (Nominated by the Major Group of Children and Youth) * Speaker CLADE (TBC) |
| **10:25** | **Closing Remarks**   * **Mr. Alexander Trepelkov**, Officer in Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) |

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