**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*
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| **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.
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| **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)
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| **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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**More info:** [**click here**](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2020/SDGsLearning)