##

Human Rights Council

**Social Forum**

**1 – 2 October 2019**

**Room XX, *Palais des Nations*, Geneva**

“THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE

RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION”

PROGRAMME OF WORK

**Tuesday, 1 October 2019: “Mind the gaps: Realizing the right to education for all”**

**10h00-10h30 Opening remarks**

* H.E. Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Social Forum
* Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, UNOG Director-General
* H.E. Mr. Coly Seck, President of the Human Rights Council

**10h30-11h30 Keynote panel: The transformative power of education for young people**

* Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Qatar, Chairperson and Founder of Education Above All Foundation (Keynote speaker)
* Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
* Ms. Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
* Ms. Maya Ghazal, High Profile Supporter, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
* Mr. Luis Pedernera, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
* Ms. Koumbou Boly Barry, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education

**11h30-13h00** **General statements**

**13h00-15h00 Reception offered by the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations / Side events**

**15h00-15h45 Reaching those being left behind and defending the right to education**

Moderator: Ms. Ann Skelton, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Member & UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa

* Ms. Martha Muhwezi, Executive Director, Forum for African Women Educationalists – *Expanding girls’ opportunities through access to education in Africa*
* Ms. Lizet Vlamings, Advocacy and Research Manager, Consortium for Street Children – *Innovation in education: overcoming barriers to learning for street children* (video screening)
* Mr. Sylvain Aubry, Global Initiative on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - *The process and purpose of the Abidjan Principles on the human rights obligations of States to provide public education and to regulate private involvement in education*
* Mr. Alassane Gano, ATD Fourth World – *Understanding the reality of poverty: key to realizing the right to education for all*
* Ms. Dalí Silvia Angel, Red de Jóvenes Indígenas, Mexico/FILAC – *Right to education for indigenous children and youth*

**15h45-16h30 Interactive dialogue**

**16h30-17h15 Education in conflict and emergencies**

Moderator: Mr. Hans Brattskar, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Norway

* Ms. Luciana Micha, Ministry of Defence, Argentina, General Director of the Center of International Studies of University of Buenos Aires – *Global progress in protecting education from attack through the Safe Schools initiative*
* Ms. Becky Telford, Senior Education Advisor, UNHCR – *Upholding the right to education for refugee children and youth*
* Ms. Alison Joyner – Education in Emergencies Specialist, Plan International Norway *– Safe and equal access to education for girls and young women in conflict and emergency settings*
* Ms. Arizza Nocum, Extremely Together, Kofi Annan Foundation – *Education as a pathway to peace*
* Ms. Bushra Zulfiqar, Global Education Director, Save the Children – *The role of education to safeguard children and youth and rebuild lives in situations of conflict*

**17h15-18h00 Interactive dialogue**

**Wednesday, 2 October: An education fit for the future**

**10h00-10h20 Opening of Day 2**

* Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake – UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth (video address)
* Mr. Vartan Melkonian, Guest Conductor, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and Patron of the Consortium for Street Children (Keynote speaker)

**10h20-11h30 “Human rights education for youth and by youth: Experiences from different regions and the way forward”**

Moderator: Ms. Paulina Tandiono, OHCHR

* Mr. Guillermo Gutiérrez, Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice (IIMA) and VIDES International (International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education, and Development)
* Ms. Victoria Ibiwoye, One African Child Foundation for Creative Learning
* Mr. Aunell Ross R. Angcos, Spokesman of Millennials PH and Chairman of UNESCO Young Professionals of the Philippines

**11h30-12h15 How education today can strengthen opportunities for the future**

Moderator: Mr. Chris Mburu, OHCHR, Senior Human Rights Advisor

* Mr. Parmosivea Soobrayan, Regional Education Advisor, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia – *Inclusive and equitable quality education: a key ingredient for strengthening future opportunities for all*
* Ms. Elin Martínez, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch – *The importance of protecting the right to secondary education and technical and vocational education*
* Mr. Dominic Wilcox, Little Inventors – *Inspiring children to be the creative thinkers of the future*
* Mr. Hiromichi Katayama, Chief a.i., Section of Youth, Literacy and Skills Development, Education Sector, UNESCO – *The role of education and training for a better life and decent work*
* Ms. Lucija Karnelutti, Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions – *Youth perspectives on the changes needed to secure an education fit for the future*

**12h15-13h00 Interactive dialogue**

**13h00-15h00 LUNCH BREAK/Side events**

**15h00-16h00 Education as empowerment for children and youth**

Moderator: H. E. Ms. Jillian Dempster, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations Office at Geneva

* Ms. Monica Ferro, Director, United Nations Population Fund Geneva Office – *Integrating sexual education in a section on curriculum for schools*
* Ms. Kristeena Monteith, UN Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals – *How education can help children and youth reach their rights*
* Ms. Hamda Hasan Abd-al-Rahman Abu Za’in Al-Sulaiti, Secretary General of the Qatari National Committee for Education, Culture and Science – *Youth and children’s education, and economic and cognitive empowerment*
* Mr. Alex Conte, Child Rights Connect – *Children’s views on education as an essential pillar for empowerment and the promotion of human rights*
* Mr. Jorge Cardona, Professor of Public International Law, University of Valencia, former member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child – *Empowering children with disabilities through inclusive education*
* Ms. Sigall Horovitz, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – *Empowering youth through education on the corruption-human rights nexus*

**16h00-16h45 Interactive dialogue**

**16h45-17h30 Conversation on the way forward with the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights**

* Ms. Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
* Ms. Kristeena Monteith, UN Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals
* Ms. Victoria Ibiwoye, One African Child Foundation for Creative Learning

**17h30-18h00 Closing remarks and musical performance**