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Background

Three years ago, the Global Education Coalition was **born out of a crisis**. Crises of many kinds – educational, environmental, energy, economic – continue to disrupt and curtail efforts to achieve universal access to quality education by 2030. Today in 2023, the Coalition has demonstrated its ability to swiftly respond to education challenges and crises, mobilizing the resources, expertise, and experience of its 208 members.

At its three-year anniversary, the Global Education Coalition (GEC) will demonstrate the commitment, competence, and cooperative methodology that makes it an important multistakeholder catalyst for innovation and transformation in education. Governments around the world are increasingly looking for modern ways to tackle the persistent problems that have plagued education systems since long before the pandemic. The GEC's diverse range of partners — which include multilateral organizations, the private sector, civil society, and the news media — can respond to the critical needs of governments and help them both ensure the continuation of teaching and learning throughout disruptions and mobilize the expertise and resources needed to digitally transform.

In addition to providing support, the GEC has **three Global Flagship** operations: connectivity of schools and learners, training and development of teachers, and work aiming to overturn gender discrimination in education and make learning more equitable. In addition to ensuring that projects and partners have the data, knowledge, and support required to work effectively, the Coalition is dedicated to helping augment resilience and transformation in education by using technologies to help diminish the digital divide.

The Transforming Education Summit provided a unique opportunity to elevate education including digital transformation to the top of the global political agenda and to mobilize action, ambition, solidarity and solutions to recover pandemic-related learning losses and accelerate achievements of SDG4.

It is for this reason that Coalition members have come together to form the **Digital Transformation Collaborative** (DTC) which will mobilize in-kind and financial resources at national scale with the participation of

governments wanting to digitally transform their education systems. The DTC will centre on country actions and leverage the resources to be developed through the Gateways to Public Digital Learning, a global, multi-partner initiative to support countries in securing equitable access to digital learning resources.

The Coalition will also continue implementing and scale-up its **four ambitious missions** related to skills, teachers, catch-up learning, and gender. The Coalition members will also continue working together to collect data, advocate and share knowledge regarding education challenges and responses. These missions

Objectives

On **28 March 2023**, the third anniversary of the creation of the Global Education Coalition, UNESCO will invite all 208 members of the Coalition, as well as Member States, to the **very first in-person** meeting at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

The meeting has the following objectives:

- Inspire innovation and collaboration between Member States and GEC partners
- Solidify the positioning of GEC as a key actor to transform education and respond to crises
- Publicly launch the Digital Transformation Collaborative, a sub-group of GEC members dedicated to designing tailor-made solutions for Member States seeking system-wide scalable and sustainable digital transformation
- Share progress and plans for scale-up of its key missions (Global Skills Academy, Global Teachers Campus, Global Learning House, Gender Flagship)
- Share progress towards the commitments of the Transforming Education Summit, and plans for accelerating efforts towards SDG4 and Agenda 2030.

Participants

Global Education Coalition members, representatives from Member States, and other relevant stakeholders.

Format & session logistics

The meeting will take place **in-person only**.

In the morning, in-person participants will convene in Room I of UNESCO Headquarters at 7 Place de Fontenoy, Paris for high-level sessions. Interpretation in French and English will be provided.

Key messages

- Coalition members are called upon to provide support to teaching and lifelong learning that reaches well beyond the crisis needs of the pandemic.
- Governments can formally request assistance from the Coalition, which can then mobilize and coordinate actions from over 208 institutional partners.
- The Coalition matches needs at the point of education provision with local and global solutions; mobilizes the actors and resources required to develop active responses; coordinates the action to maximize impact and ensure efficiency; and provides remote learning opportunities through a variety of high-, low- and no-tech solutions.

- The Coalition is unique for its speed, efficiency, and its ability to deliver results by leveraging resources normally unavailable due to the lower investment cost needed compared to traditional education development programming.

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Morning Plenary Sessions

Time	Programme	Room
9:00-9:45	<p>Interactive Icebreaker: Being a Learning Planetizen!</p> <p><i>This short icebreaker will welcome all partners and country representatives to connect with each other and reflect on being a learning planetizen, inspired by Youth members of LearningPlanet.</i></p>	Room IX
10:00-10:05	<p>Welcome remarks from Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education</p>	Room I
10:05-11:05	<p>Panel discussion on the Coalition: Past, present, future</p> <p><i>Moderated by ADG Firmin Edouard Matoko, this panel of Coalition members will discuss the past, present, and future of the coalition to highlight the importance of agile cooperation across sectors for social impact, crisis response, and digital transformation for the global common good.</i></p>	Room I
11:05-11:10	<p>Transforming education together: the Global Education Coalition in action</p> <p><i>(short format video)</i></p>	Room I
11:10-12:10	<p>Dialogue with the Digital Transformation Collaborative (DTC)</p> <p><i>Moderated by Dir. Borhene Chakroun, this dialogue between DTC partners and country representatives will: (i) discuss the DTC's five categories for digital transformation in education, (ii) reflect on the added value and unique cooperation model of the DTC, and (iii) hear country perspectives on pathways towards scalable and sustainable multistakeholder partnerships.</i></p>	Room I
12:10-12:15	<p>Overview of afternoon workshop logistics</p>	Room I
12:15-14:00	<p>Networking Lunch</p>	7 th Floor Restaurant

Afternoon Workshop Sessions

14:00-15:30	<p>MISSION MEMBER MEETINGS</p> <p><i>Opportunities for brainstorming new initiatives and sharing future projects.</i></p>	
	<p>Global Skills Academy and Gender Flagship</p> <p><i>Leverage the power of gender-transformative efforts to significantly scale up learners' digital and transversal skills, employability and resilience.</i></p>	Room IX
	<p>Global Teacher Campus</p> <p><i>Explore the collaboration model of how the GTC delivers teacher professional development at the country level with a roundtable discussion on the challenges related to engagement and sustainability.</i></p>	Room VIII
	<p>Global Learning House</p> <p><i>Co-create the new vision and objectives of the GLH mission, explore options for innovative learning solutions, and engage with more partners to leverage technologies and innovative</i></p>	Room VII

	<i>practices to improve teaching and learning.</i>	
15:30-15:45	Coffee break	Room I Foyer
15:45-17:00	EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION ROUNDTABLE WORKSHOPS	
	Parallel Session A: Digital readiness and digital solutions in education <i>Roundtable on advancing digital readiness in education and assessing the fitness of digital tools and solutions across educational contexts (facilitated by UNICEF, UNESCO, and Microsoft).</i>	Room IX
	Parallel Session B: Partnerships for advancing safe and equitable digital transformation in education <i>Interactive roundtable dialogue on multistakeholder cooperation models for digital transformation, strengthening policy coherence, and leveraging in-kind resources to unlock more sustainable financing (facilitated by GPE and Ericsson).</i>	Room VIII
	Parallel Session C: Coalition mobilization for greening education partnerships <i>Roundtable on how to overcome challenges within each pillar of the GEP: Greening Schools, Greening Curriculum, Greening Teacher Training and Education System Capacities, and Greening Communities (facilitated by UNESCO).</i>	Room VII
17:00-17:15	Wrap up remarks and next steps	Room IX
17:15-18:00	Closing cocktail	Room I Foyer
17:30-18:30	Digital Transformation Collaborative working session with members and country representatives	Room IX