

2023 Global SIDS Dialogue

Transformation of Education in the Digital Age

Hybrid
 UNESCO Headquarters, Room XI,
 Fontenoy Building, Paris, France
 4 and 5 April 2023

Day 1

Caribbean and AIS Regions

Tuesday 4 April 2023 13:00-17:00 pm (CET)

13:00 - 13:45

High-level Opening session

Moderator: Zulmira Rodrigues, Chief Small Island Developing States Section, UNESCO

Mr Qu Xing, Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences and Interim, UNESCO

The Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius

Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Education, Youth, Social Development, Gender Affairs, Aging and Disabilities, St Kitts and Nevis

Mr Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš, Prime Minister of Latvia

H.E. Ms Nathalie Rossette-Cazel, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Cook Islands to UNESCO and Chair of the SIDS Group to UNESCO

13:45 - 14:45

Session 1: Setting the Scene

Challenges & Opportunities

Moderator: Mr. Sobhi Tawil, Director Futures of Learning and Innovation Division, UNESCO

Keynote addresses:

Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO

Mr Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Amadeu Cruz, Minister of Education, Cabo Verde

Mr Patrick Attié, Director General, Institute of Infotronique, Haiti

Ms Semonique Harry, ICT Integration Officer, Ministry of Education, St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Mr Nicholas Ouma, Senior Youth Advisor, Department of Education, Science & Technology, African Union Commission

Dr Denise Stoney-James, Deputy Programme Manager, Education, CARICOM

Mr Yugesh D Panday, Director (e-Education & Scholarship), Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science & Technology, Mauritius

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| | Ms. Amber Sybesma, Strategic Consultant & UN Youth Representative, Aruba |
| 14:45 – 15:05 | Break |
| 15:05 - 16:05 | <p>Session 2</p> <p>Solutions (new skills sets and strategies for the digital age)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Hubert Gijzen, Director UNESCO Multisectoral Office for Eastern Africa Dr. Dawn Marie Defour-Gill, Campus Registrar & Dr. Camille Samuel, Deputy Campus Registrar, University of the West Indies Miss Joëlle Perreau, Vice Chancellor University of Seychelles Dr. Rosa Fortes Silva, National Director for Curriculum Development, Teacher Training & promotion of Distance Education, Cape Verde Prof. Tel Amiel, UNESCO Chair for Open Education Resources, Brazil Mr Fengchun Miao, Chief, Unit for Technology and AI in Education, UNESCO Ms Quenita Walrond-Lewis, Director of the National Centre for Educational Resource Development, Guyana Mr Bhanu Neupane, Advisor Communication and Information Sector, Universal Access to Information Section, UNESCO</p> |
| 16:05 - 16:40 | <p>Session 3</p> <p>Partnerships</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Anna Paolini, Director UNESCO Office for the Caribbean Mr Diallo Abdourahamane, Head, Accra UNESCO Office & Ms Catherine Du, Director of TECH4ALL Programme Office, Huawei Ms Kate Arthur, CEO & Digital Moment Founder, Canada Dr. Sanjaya Mishra, Director Education, Commonwealth of Learning, Prof Linda Daniela, Dean Faculty of Education, Psychology and Art, Latvia Teaching 2022 Mr Alex Wong, Senior Advisor, Strategic Engagement and Initiatives, ITU</p> |
| 16:40 - 17:00 | <p>Closing Session</p> <p>Moderator: Zulmira Rodrigues, Chief, SIDS Section H.E. Ms Nathalie Rossette-Cazel, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Cook Islands to UNESCO and Chair of the SIDS Group to UNESCO Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director- General for Education, UNESCO Mr Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO Mr Xing Qu, Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences ad interim, UNESCO</p> |

Day 2

Pacific Region

Wednesday 5 April 2023 8:00-11:30 am (CET)

8:00 - 8:30**High-level Opening session****Moderator:** Zulmira Rodrigues, Chief Small Island Developing States Section, UNESCO

Mr Xing Qu, Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences and Interim, UNESCO

The Hon Mark Brown, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands

H.E. Mr Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš, Prime Minister of Latvia

H.E. Ms Nathalie Rossette-Cazel, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Cook Islands to UNESCO and Chair of the SIDS Group to UNESCO

8:30 - 9:30**Session 1: Setting the Scene****Challenges & Opportunities****Moderator:** Ms Marielza Oliveira, Director Digital Inclusion and Policies and Digital Transformation Division, UNESCO**Keynotes addresses:**

Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO

Mr Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO

Speakers:

Ms Mii Nimerota, Director Centre of Excellence in Information Technology, Cook Islands

Prof. Muagututia Dr. Ioana Chan Mow, Professor of Computing and Computer Education, National University of Samoa (video)

Dr Michelle Belisle, Director Education Quality and Assessment Programme, Pacific Community

Dr Rajni Chand, Director Center for Flexible Learning, University of South Pacific

Mr Wayne Mackintosh, UNESCO Chair in Open Education Resources, New Zealand

Ms Veronica Pereira, Youth Representative, Timor-Leste

9:30 – 9:50**Break****09:50 - 10:30****Session 2****Solutions (new skills sets and strategies for the digital age)****Moderator:** Prof. Tim Unwin, Professor Emeritus, UNESCO Chair on ICT for Development, Royal Holloway University College London

Ms Nivo Ralamboranto, Head of Technological Innovations for Education, Information and Communication Technologies Department, Ministry of Education, Madagascar

Prof. Dr. Amarendra P. Behera, Joint Director Central Institute of Educational Technology, Winner UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize

Ms Zeynep Varoglu, Senior Programme Specialist, Universal Access to Information Section, UNESCO

Mr Fengchun Miao, Chief, Unit for Technology and AI in Education, UNESCO

Mr Bhanu Neupane, Advisor CI Sector, Universal Access to Information Section, UNESCO

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| 10:30 - 11:15 | Session 3 Partnerships Moderator: Ms NISHA, Director and UNESCO Representative to the Pacific States H.E. Dr. Auhood Abdullah I. Al-Faries, Deputy Minister of Education, Saudi Arabia Mr Christer Gundersen, CTO of the Global Digital Library, NORAD Ms Anna Andersone, CEO, mentor, board member of Riga Tech Girls, Latvia Mr Alex Wong, Senior Advisor, Strategic Engagement and Initiatives, ITU |
| 11:15 - 11:30 | Closing Session Moderator: Ms Zulmira Rodrigues, Chief, SIDS Section H.E. Ms Nathalie Rossette-Cazel, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Cook Islands to UNESCO and Chair of the SIDS Group to UNESCO Mrs Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director- General for Education, UNESCO Mr Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO Mr Xing Qu, Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences ad interim, UNESCO |