

EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION IS AT THE HEART OF CLIMATE ACTION

SUMMIT PROGRAMME





09:00 - 09:45 REGISTRATION

09:45 - 10:55 OPENING

Opening Remarks:

H.E. Reem Al Hashimi, Minister of State for International Cooperation, UAE

Keynote:

Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown, United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education & Former Prime Minister, United Kingdom - (Video)

H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg, CEO & Vice-Chairman Dubai Cares

Moderator:

Dr. Andrew Cunningham, Global Lead for Education, Aga Khan Foundation

Speakers:

Hon. H.E. João Marques da Costa, Minister of Education, Portugal
H.E. Edil Baisalov, Deputy Chairman, Cabinet of the Ministers, Kyrgyz Republic
Yasmine Sherif, Executive Director, Education Cannot Wait
H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg, CEO & Vice-Chairman Dubai Cares

Closing Remarks:

Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Centre for Sustainable Development, Columbia University

Special Announcement

11:00 - 11:45 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (A)

Green Rising: Powering Youth Action & Solutions for Climate

Moderator:

Charlene Ruto, Founder & Patron, SMACHS Foundation

Keynote:

Kevin Frey, Chief Executive Officer, Generation Unlimited
Nour Elnabawy, Actor & UNICEF Shabab Balad Ambassador
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Hon. Shri Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Labour & Employment, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, India **Kitty van der Heijden,** Deputy Executive Director, Partnerships, UNICEF

Speakers:

Amal Ridene, YPAT Member & Youth Negotiator, Generation Unlimited **Ahmed Alhendawi,** Secretary General, Chief Executive Officer, World Organization of the Scout Movement

Shobha Meera, Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer, CapGemini **Alexandra van der Ploeg,** Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, SAP



>> Unlocking Innovative Financing for Climate-Resilient Education in Emergencies

Moderator:

Yasmine Sherif, Executive Director, Education Cannot Wait

Speakers:

Hon. Awut Deng Achuil, Minister of General Education & Instruction, South Sudan **Avinash Persaud,** Special Envoy on Investment & Financial Services to the Office of the Prime Minister of Barbados

Ole Thonke, Undersecretary for Development Policy, Government of Denmark **Amy Clarke,** Chief Impact Officer, Tribe Impact Capital (Video Remarks) **Aya Mohamad El Hawarneh,** Youth Advocate & Project Co-ordinator, ANERA

Teachers for the Planet: Leadership for Climate Action in & through Education

Moderator:

Lennart Kuntze, Global Head of Climate Education & Leadership, Teach For All

Speakers:

Hon. H.E. João Marques da Costa, Minister of Education, Portugal
H.E. Edil Baisalov, Deputy Chairman, Cabinet of the Ministers, Kyrgyz Republic
Wendy Kopp, Chief Executive Officer & Co-founder, Teach For All
Esther Gacigi, Teacher Primary School, Teach For Kenya
Maïlys Reneaume, Teacher Secondary School, L'École de la Transition, La Garnache
Nick McKinlay, Director, Global Programmes, Aga Khan Foundation
Ryan Bestre, Teach for the Philippines Alumnus, Climate Change Officer, Asian Development Bank
Dr. Andrew Cunningham, Global Lead for Education, Aga Khan Foundation

The Role of Education in Building Climate-Resilient Development in the 21st Century

Moderator:

Adriana Valenzuela, Education & Youth Leadership Program Lead, Global Center on Adaptation

Speakers:

Dr. Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez, Senior Advisor, Global Center on Adaptation
Fatou Gaye, Former Minister of Forestry & the Environment, Republic of the Gambia
H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg, Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Cares
Prof. Tan Sri Zakri bin Abdul Hamid, Joint Chair, Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High
Technology (MIGHT)
Maja Groff, Convener, Climate Governance Commission
Aryaa Sahoo, Youth Representative

Metrics That Matter: Utilizing Data for Effective Climate Education

Moderator:

Abdul Matheen Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer, Project You

Speakers:

Dr. Randa Grob-Zakhary, Chief Executive Officer, Education.org
 Sallyann Della Casa, Chief Executive Officer & Chief Identity Hacker, GLEAC
 Martin Benavides, Executive Director, UNESCO IIEP
 David Hollow, Director, Jigsaw Education
 Kamran Robert Kardan, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Knowledge E



12:00 - 12:45 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (B)

Growing Green Champions: Building the Foundations of Climate Action by Investing in Children

Moderator:

Elizabeth Lule, Executive Director, ECDAN

Keynote

H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg, Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Cares (Opening Remarks) **Kitty van der Heijden,** Deputy Executive Director, Parnerships, UNICEF

Speakers:

Hon. Madalitso Wirima Kambauwa, Minister of Education, Republic of Malawi H.E. Dr. Rania Al Mashat, Minister of International Cooperation, Egypt H.E. Edil Baisalov, Deputy Chairman, Cabinet of the Ministers, Kyrgyz Republic Gillian Caldwell, Chief Climate Officer & Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID Rebecca Chandler Leege, Chief Executive Officer, Worldreader Francisco Vera, Youth Advocate, UNICEF

Green Jobs: Paving the Way for a Sustainable Future

Moderator:

Monika Froehler, Chief Executive Officer, Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens

Keynote

H.E. Ban Ki-moon, 8th UNSG & Co-chair, Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens (Video Statement) **Irina Bokova,** Former Director-General, UNESCO

Speakers:

H.E. Rossieli Soares da Silva, Secretary of Education, State of Pará, Brazil
H.E. Miguel Sedoff, Minister of Education, Misiones Province, Argentina
Sharon Armstrong, Director-General of Social Development, Global Affairs Canada
Kathleen Sherwin, Chief Strategy & Engagement Officer, Plan International
Lateefa Alnoaimi, Sustainable & Renewable Energy Engineer, YOUNGO's Green Jobs Working Group

Closing Remarks:

H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg, CEO & Vice-Chairman Dubai Cares

>> Connecting the Dots: Youth-led Initiatives in Rewiring Education for Climate Action

Moderator:

Prof. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, Chancellor Emiritus, Pontifical Academy of the Social Sciences, The Vatican

Keynote:

Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University

Speakers:

H.E. Jurrian Middelhoff, Ambassador of Youth, Education & Skills, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

Rev. Canon. Dr. Betsee Parker, Baroness of Locheil, Scotland

Dr. Wen-Wen Tung, Associate Professor & Director of Geodata, Science for Professionals MS Program, Purdue University

Maryam Rabiee, Head of SDGs Today at UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN) Vidya Bindal, 10th grade Millburn High School, New Jersey, (Youth Environmental Leader) Eshaan Jain, 11th Grade High-School Student, Pingry School, New Jersey, (Youth Environmental Leader)



>> Innovative Education Models for Green Skilling in Emergency Contexts

Moderator:

Derek Madsen, Chief Development Officer, ANERA

Keynote:

Sean Carrol, President & Chief Executive Officer, ANERA

Speakers:

Julia Dicum, Director of Education, UNRWA

Latifa Mattar, Gulf Advocacy and External Engagement Manager, Save the

Children International

Mageed Yahia, Country Director UAE & Representative to GCC, UN World Food Programme

Youth Voices

Bisan Owda, Youth Advocate Palestine (video intervention)

Aya Mohamad El Hawarne, Youth Advocate & Project Coordinator, ANERA

Qamar Samir Karameh, Youth Advocate, Lebanon

Dana Mahmoud Ali Musaffar, Youth Advocate, Palestine

Ayeda Mohammad Ghnaim, Youth Advocate, Egypt

Moving from Ideas to Action: Localized Levers to Support Youth Education & Employment in the Green Economy

Moderator:

Dr. Liesbet Steer, President & Chief Executive Officer, Education Development Center

Speakers:

H.E. Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya, Minister of Environment, Rwanda

Jennifer Morris, Chief Executive Officer, The Nature Conservancy

Hamoon Ekhtiari, Chief Executive Officer, FutureFit Al

Dr. Nada Berrada, African Union Youth & Education Champion, Education Development Center, RegenIntel Fellow

12:45 - 13:15 LUNCH BREAK

13:15 - 14:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (C)

>> Transforming Climate Education for Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Moderator:

Armand Arton, Chief Global Citizen & Founder, Arton Capital

Speakers:

Hon. Philip J. Pierre, Prime Minister, St. Lucia

Irina Bokova, Former Director-General, UNESCO

Joyce Mendez, UNSG Youth Climate Change Advisor & Co-founder, Latin American Observatory of Geopolitics of Energy

Yusra Mardini, Goodwill Ambassador, UNHCR

Sister Zeph, Global Teacher Prize Winner 2023

Daniela Gissara, Assistant Director, International Partnerships, Perkins School for the Blind

Feraye Ozfescioglu, Chief Executive Officer, World Humanitarian Forum



Placing Gender Equality & Youth at The Heart of Education Transformation for Climate

Moderator:

Kathleen Sherwin, Chief Strategy & Engagement Officer, Plan International

Speakers:

Hon. Madalitso Wirima Kambauwa, Minister of Education, Republic of Malawi

Dr. Heike Kuhn, Head of Division, Education, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development of Germany

Yasmine Sherif, Executive Director, Education Cannot Wait

Salha Aziz, Youth Leader, GPE, Tanzania

Nelly Beatriz Yaguachi Caiz, Indigenous Youth Leader, Ecuador

Renata Koch Alvarenga, Founder & Director, EmpoderaClima, Brazil

>> Funding the Future: Financing Models for Climate-Smart Education

Moderator:

Zahara Malik, Founder, Impact Gate

Speakers:

H.E. Cheikh Oumar Anne, Minister of National Education, Senegal

H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg, Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Cares

H.E. Dr. Amel Karboul, Chief Executive Officer, Education Outcomes Fund

Richard Hawkes, Chief Executive Officer, British Asian Trust

Véronique Faujour, Managing Director, Grameen Crédit Agricole Foundation

Pierre Lucas, Country Director Senegal, WFP

Dr. Rachael Barza, Lead, Climate Adaptation & Nature Finance, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development

>> Accelerating Climate Action: The Transformative Power of Rewired Education

Moderator:

Anna Murru, Strategic Partnership Advisor, VVOB - Education for Development

Speakers:

H.E. Conrad Omalikeh Sackey, Minister of Basic & Senior Secondary Education, Sierra Leone

Hon. Eng. Collins Nzovu, Minister of Green Economy, Republic of Zambia

Koen Timmers, Director, Take Action Global

Peace Monica Pimer, Founder & Executive Director, Nile Girls Forum, Uganda

What Works to Build More Inclusive & Climate-Resilient National Systems?

Moderator:

Natalia Mattioli, Deputy Manager, United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) Fund

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Heike Kuhn, Head of Division, Education, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development of Germany

Speakers:

Kati Anttalainen, Senior Specialist International Relations, Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for the Social & Human Sciences, UNESCO

Mahbub Kabir, Advocacy & Inclusion Advisory Manager, CBM Ireland

Tala Al Ramahi, Director, Reaching The Last Mile

Stefan Tromel, Senior Disability Specialist, International Labour Organization



14:15 - 15:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (D)

Launch of the BRACE Initiative: Financing Climate Resilient School Systems

Moderator:

Nick Ireland, Climate Change Director, Save The Children

Speakers:

Hon. Awut Deng Achuil, Minister of General Education & Instruction, South Sudan Hon. Eang Sophalleth, Minister of Environment, Cambodia Hon. Didacus Jules, Director General, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Salha Aziz, GPE Youth Leader, Tanzania Sarah Beardmore, Climate Initiatives Lead, Global Partnership for Education Bapon Fakhruddin, Senior Specialist, Green Climate Fund

>> Roots of Resilience: The ECD Imperative in a Climate-changing World

Moderator:

Jim Emerson, Chief Executive Officer, The Power of Nutrition

Speakers:

Emily Gogra, Deputy Minister of Basic & Secondary Education, Sierra Leone
Dr. Erum Mariam, Executive Director, BRAC Institute of Educational Development
Geneviève Nunez Kebe, Senior Policy Advisor, Education, International Rescue Committee
Dr. Kim Foulds, Vice President of Content Research and Evaluation, Sesame Workshop
Liana Ghent, Executive Director, International Step by Step Association
Sulieman Mleahat, Education Program Director, ANERA

>> ClimateEd: Education for Climate Action

Moderator:

Dr. Luis Benveniste, Global Director for Education, World Bank

Speakers:

H.E. Conrad Omalikeh Sackey, Minister of Basic & Senior Secondary Education, Sierra Leone
 Robert Jenkins, Director of Education & Adolescent Development, UNICEF
 María Soledad Bos, Education Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
 Temilade Salami, Youth Climate Leader, Nigeria

Partnerships for Responsible Education

Co-Moderators:

Ahmed Alhendawi, Secretary General, Chief Executive Officer, World Organization of the Scout Movement

Wissam Kadi, Vice President for Global Initiatives, SAP Academies & University Alliances

Speakers:

H.H. Princess Sama Bint Faisal Al Saud, Board Member, World Scout Foundation
Dr. Karina Edmonds, Senior Vice President, Global Head of Academies & University Alliances, SAP
Dr. Eesa Bastaki, President, University of Dubai
Kuljit Ghata-Aura, President in the Middle East, Türkiye & Africa, Boeing
Sara El Dallal, Country Director, Amideast UAE



Education as a Catalyst for People & Planet: Rewiring Our Common Agenda

Moderator:

Priya Joshi, Senior Project Officer (Research), Global Education Monitoring Report

Speakers:

Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO

Kathleen Rogers, President, Earthday.org

Koen Timmers, Director, Take Action Global

Melanie Sany, Director of Youth, Workforce Development & Green Economies, Education

Development Center

Kehkashan Basu, Founder-President, Green Hope Foundation

15:15 - 16:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (E)

Scalable Solutions for Global Problems: Lessons from the Private Sector to Accelerate Climate Gains

Moderator:

Jerome de Bontin, Partner, Capricorn Investment Group

Speakers

Jacob Harr, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Community Investment Management (CIM) **Michel Peretie**, Former Chairman of Bear Stears, Former Head of Investment Bank of Soc Gen,
Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Riverrock

Dr. Plamen Russev, Founder & Chairman, Webit Congress

Kuljit Ghata-Aura, President in the Middle East, Türkiye & Africa, Boeing

Transitioning Skills: Education for a Sustainable Energy Future

Moderator:

Samah Elsayed, Programme Officer of Renewable Energy Education, IRENA

Speakers

Gauri Singh, Deputy Director-General, IRENA

Ana Rovzar, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Global Renewables Alliance

Nicole Iseppi, Director of Energy Innovation, Bezos Earth Fund

Izael Da Silva, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation, Strathmore University Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Climate Change Resilience and Sustainability

Prof. John Thwaites, Chair, Monash Sustainable Development Institute

Towards Climate-Smart Education Systems

Moderator:

Salha Aziz, Youth Leader, GPE, Tanzania

Speakers:

Hon. Madalitso Wirima Kambauwa, Minister of Education, Malawi

Susan Nicolai, Global Education Director, Save the Children

Sarah Beardmore, Climate Initiatives Lead, GPE

Jun Morohashi, Chief of Section of Education for Sustainable Development, UNESCO



Driving Systemic Climate Change: The Role of Ministries of Education in Latin America

Moderator:

Agustín Porres, Regional Director, Varkey Foundation

Speakers:

H.E. Rossieli Soares da Silva, Secretary of Education, State of Pará, Brazil
H.E. Miguel Sedoff, Minister of Education, Misiones Province, Argentina
H.E. Práxedes López, Minister of Education, Corrientes Province, Argentina
Alberto de Cardenas, Chief Executive Officer, PeruChamps
Francisco Anello, Global Senior Vice President of Education, Aleph Holding

Ferdinando Regalia, Manager, Social Sector Department, InterAmerican Development Bank

Youth Raising Ambition For Quality Climate Education

Moderator:

Shreya KC, Campaign Coordinator for Asia, Mock Education Ministers Summit & YOUNGO Representative

Opening Remarks:

Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO

Speakers:

H.E. Nura Mustaf, State Minister, Ministry Of Education, Culture & Higher Education, Somalia **Baroness Barran,** Parliamentary Undersecretary of State at the Department for Education, United Kingdom

Will Wale, Youth Focal Point for Sustainability & Climate Change for the Department for Education, United Kingdom

Khady Diop Mbodji, Secretary General of the Ministry of National Education, Senegal **Sofia Luna Quispe**, Mock Campaign Coordinator, Peru

Closing Remarks:

Yasmine Sherif, Executive Director, Education Cannot Wait

16:15 - 17:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (F)

African Union Year of Education, 2024: Catalyzing Skills Potential for a Green Economy in Africa

Moderator:

Erna Grasz, Chief Executive Officer, Asante Africa

Speakers

H.E Prof. Mohammed Belhocine, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology & Innovation, African Union Commission

H.E. Prof. Prosper B. Matondi, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Climate & Wildlife, Republic of Zimbabwe

Jesper Wohlert, Director, HUMANA People to People



Building Resilience for Education in the Face of Climate Change Utilizing Technology

Moderator:

Anna-Maria Tammi, Thematic Lead for Education in Crisis & Conflict, GPE

Speakers:

Hon. Madalitso Wirima Kambauwa, Minister of Education, Republic of Malawi Majed Akl, Education Industry Advisor, Microsoft Robert Jenkins, Director Education & Adolescent Development, UNICEF Salha Aziz, GPE Youth Leader, Tanzania Kevin Frey, CEO, Generation Unlimited Charles North, Deputy CEO, GPE

School Meals & Food Systems: Rethinking the Consequences for Climate, Environment, Biodiversity & Food Sovereignty

Moderator:

Prof. Donald Bundy, Director, Research Consortium for School Health & Nutrition

Speakers:

H.E. Conrad Omalikeh Sackey, Minister of Basic & Senior Secondary Education, Sierra Leone **Carmen Burbano,** Director, School-Based Programmes, UN World Food Programme **Dr. Silvia Pastorino,** Research Fellow, Sustainability, Nutrition & Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Prof. Marco Springmann, Professor of Climate Change, Food Systems, & Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Empowering Refugee Education for Climate Resilience

Moderator:

Rebecca Granato, Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives, Bard College & Open Society University Networks

Speakers:

Raakhi Williams, Chief of Strategy, Planning & Accountability, Education Cannot Wait Danah Dajani, Senior Vice President, Partnerships & Programs, Al Ghurair Foundation Dr. Rana Al Turk, Business Development & Growth Director, Luminus life+ Nhial Deng, Global Student Prize Winner 2023 Deline Yihumutima Ramiro, Youth Delegate, UNHCR

>> Youth Igniting Action: Cross-Industry Solutions for Climate & Nature

Moderator:

Dana Hasan AlHosani, Assistant Director, Strategy & Partner Relations, NYU Abu Dhabi

Speakers:

H.E. Ahmed Abdulmuttaleb Baharoon, Executive Director of Environment Information, Science & Outreach Management, Environment Agency Abu Dhabi (EAD)

Ayla Bajwa, Senior Vice President Sustainability, DP World

Laila Abdullatif, Director-General, Emirates Nature World Wide Fund for Nature (EN-WWF)

Jennifer Chammas, Regional Head of Sustainability & Sustainable Finance, CMB MENAT, HSBC

Rohan Gupta, Group Manager, Sustainability Intelligence, DP World



17:15 - 18:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (G)

Navigating the ESG (Environmental, Social & Corporate Governance) Landscape: Synergies Between Climate Action & Educational Reform

Moderator:

Christine Özden, Global Director, Climate Education, Cambridge Partnership for Education

Speakers:

Hon Eng. Collins Nzovu, Minister of Green Economy, Republic of Zambia

David Ramos, Acting Head of Sustainability (MENAT), HSBC Middle East & Turkey

Begoña Águeda C. de Albornoz, Corporate Citizenship & Environment Lead, Middle East, Accenture

David Boucher, Senior Corporate Partner, Global Business Coalition & Reed Smith LLP

Ayla Bajwa, Senior Vice President Sustainability, DP World

Synergizing Sustainability: The Transformative Power of Integrating Climate Education with Life Skills

Keynote:

Don Sedlock, Director, Global Development, JA Worldwide **Gilles Vermot-Desroches,** SVP Corporate Citizenship & Institutions, Schneider Electric

Moderator:

Nicholas Kee, JA Company Program Alumni, Entrepreneur, Founder of KeeFarms

Speakers:

Kevin Frey, Chief Executive Officer, Generation Unlimited
Nadia Abdallah, Chief Education Officer, INJAZ Al Arab
Taha Bawa, Co-Founder, Goodwall
Love Dager, JA Alumni, Hackathon Manager, Hack for Earth
Gillian Hinde, Global Corporate Responsibility Leader, Ernst & Young (EY)
Omar Khan, Head of Centre for Business Studies & Research, Dubai Chamber

From Activism to Action: Closing the Skills Gap

Moderator:

Alia Al Ali, Global Investor Access Analyst & HSBC Youth Council President

Speakers:

Nichole Cirillo, Executive Director, IAVE

Justina Nixon-Saintil, Vice President & Chief Impact Officer, IBM

Sharon Armstrong, Director-General of Social Development, Global Affairs, Canada

Alison Bellwood, Founder & Executive Director, The World's Largest Lesson & Project Everyone

Kumar Verma, Managing Director, Scholars International Group (SIG)



>> Future-Ready Learning: EdTech's Role in Climate Adaptation & Mitigation

Moderator:

Raya Bidshahri, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, School of Humanity

Speakers:

Tomas Lamanauskas, Deputy Secretary General, ITU

Dr. Fuzan Al Khalidi, Education Strategy Advisor, Digital Schools

Lady Marieme Jamme, Chief Sustainability Officer & Founder, iamtheCODE

Agustín Alejandro Batto Carol, Founder & Strategy Lead, Eidos Global

>> Cultivating Wellbeing: School Health & Nutrition for a Sustainable Future

Moderator:

Dr. Shariha Khalid, Founding Partner, Mission & Co.

Speakers:

Caitlin Baron, Chief Executive Officer, Luminos Fund
Jim Emerson, Chief Executive Officer, The Power of Nutrition
Ndellejong Cosmas Ejong, Global Technical Lead for Schistosomiasis & Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis,
Sightsavers
Laura Parrotta, Senior Director of Investor Relations, The End Fund

18:00 - 18:30 CLOSING

Keynote:

Nhial Deng, Global Student Prize Winner 2023
Sister Zeph, Global Teacher Prize Winner 2023
Bobby Sager, Renowned Photographer and Philanthropist
Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg, CEO & Vice-Chairman Dubai Cares