



## 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)***

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### DRAFT AGENDA

9:00	<p><b><u>Welcome Remarks and Opening of the 2020 SDG Learning, Training and Practice</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>H.E. Mr. Marco A. Suazo</b>, Head of Office, UNITAR NYO<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Welcome remarks and introduction of Assistant Secretary-Generals.</i></li></ul></li> <li>● <b>Mr. Nikhil Seth</b>, Assistant-Secretary General, Executive Director UNITAR<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>The impact of the current crisis on education.</i></li><li>○ <i>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.</i></li><li>○ <i>The impact of the crisis on inequalities</i></li><li>○ <i>The opportunities presented to focus on improving economies, inequalities, and combating climate change.</i></li><li>○ <i>Opportunities to increase multilateralism and international cooperation</i></li></ul></li> <li>● <b>Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano</b>, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Launching of the joint DESA/UNITAR MOOC and publication</i></li><li>○ <i>Call for SDG Acceleration Actions</i></li></ul></li></ul>
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<p>9:25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Keynote</b></p> <p><b><u>Speaker: Learning and Training for SDG implementation in the COVID-19 era</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Professor Fernando Reimers</b>, 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.</li> </ul>
<p>9:55</p>	<p><b><u>Panel Discussion: The role of Education in building back better in the Decade of Action for Delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals</u></b></p> <p><u>Key Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What are the main impacts of COVID-19 in the implementation of SDG 4 and education related targets?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can education be part of the efforts to “build back better” and in accelerating the implementation of the SDGs?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can different stakeholders contribute to strengthening the role of education in recovery efforts?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Lotta Tahtinen</b>, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ms. Vibeke Jensen</b>, Director, Division for Peace and Sustainable Development, UNESCO (Confirmed).</li> <li>● <b>Ms Pauline Rose</b>, Professor of International Education, Cambridge University and Director of the Research for Equitable Access and Learning (REAL) Centre (Confirmed)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Tasnim Hemmadeh</b>, Founder, ActGreen, Syria (Nominated by the Major Group of Children and Youth)</li> <li>● Speaker CLADE (TBC)</li> </ul>
<p>10:25</p>	<p><b><u>Closing Remarks</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Alexander Trepelkov</b>, Officer in Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)</li> </ul>

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