



Welcome to the Opening of the 2020 SDGs Learning, Training & Practice: Learning and Training for SDG Implementation in the COVID-19 Era!

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7 July 2020, 9 – 10:30 M (EDT)

The 1st session of the 2020 SDG Learning, Training & Practice workshops hosted by UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

9:00 – 9:25 AM

Welcome Remarks and Opening of the 2020 SDG Learning, Training and Practice

- **Mr. Marco A. Suazo**, Head of Office, UNITAR NYO
- **Mr. Nikhil Seth**, Assistant-Secretary General, Executive Director UNITAR
- **Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Marco A. Suazo

Head of UNITAR's office at the United Nations in New York



- H.E. Mr. Suazo is a career diplomat in the Foreign Service of Honduras where he served in various positions at the Permanent Mission of Honduras since 1990, representing Honduras in the Security Council 1995-1996.
- He served as Deputy Ambassador until August 2015.
- He presided over the work of the Second Committee and the First Committee of the General Assembly. Besides being Adviser, at the Department of Economic and Social Affairs UNDESA UN.
- Mr. Suazo has written two publications, one for the 60th anniversary of the Organization in honor of founder-Honduras under the title "Nuestra Historia" (Our History); in 2013 he published "We the People" in which through photography, promotes the values and richness of Honduras and examines the participation of his country in the Organization.

Nikhil Seth

UN Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research



- Before assuming the post of the UNITAR Executive Director, Nikhil Seth was the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) at the United Nations Secretariat in New York. M
- Mr. Seth's Division was also responsible for supporting the intergovernmental negotiations for the post-2015 development agenda, which was adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015 in September 2015.
- During his career with the United Nations since 1993, Mr. Seth has served as Special Assistant and Chief of Office to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (Sept 1993 – Jun 2001), Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch in the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (Jun 2001 – Jan 2003), as Secretary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Second Committee of the General Assembly (Feb 2003 – Aug 2006), and as Director of the DESA Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (Aug 2006 – Aug 2011).



Maria Francesca Spatolisano

Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs,
UNDESA



- Ms. Spatolisano has served as the European Union Ambassador to the OECD and UNESCO, Monaco and Andorra.
- She was a member of the EU Delegation to the United Nations, serving as the Head of its Economic and Trade Section. Since 2017, she has been responsible for International Organizations and Development Dialogue with other Donors in the Commission's Directorate General for Development Cooperation. In this capacity, she has assured the EU presence and developed EU positions on development policy in a number of international fora including the United Nations, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, OECD, G-7 and the G-20, where she represented the EU in the G-20 Development Working Group.

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9:25 – 9:55 AM

Keynote Speaker

- **Professor Fernando Reimers**, 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

Professor Fernando M. Reimers



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



- An expert in the field of Global Education, his research and teaching focus on understanding how to educate children and youth so they can thrive in the 21st century.
- He is a member of UNESCO's high-level commission on the Futures of Education.
- He has written or edited thirty-three books.
- Until recently, he served on the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, where he chaired the strategic planning committee, and serves on the board of directors of multiple education organizations, including Facing History and Ourselves, Teach for All, World Teach.
- In 2019, he received a Centennial Medal from the International Institute of Education for his work advancing international education.
- In 2017 he received the Global Citizen Award from the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations for his work advancing global citizenship education.

9:55 – 10:25 AM

Panel Discussion: The role of Education in building back better in the Decade of Action for Delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals

Moderator: Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA

Speakers:

- **Ms. Vibeke Jensen**, Director for Peace and Sustainable Development, in UNESCO's Education Sector
- **Ms Pauline Rose**, Professor of International Education, Cambridge University and Director of the Research for Equitable Access and Learning (REAL) Centre
- **Ms. Madeleine Zúñiga**, Vice President of the Global Campaign for Education, GCE, Member of the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education, CLADE.
- **Ms. Tasnim Hemmadeh**, Founder, ActGreen, Syria

Lotta Tahtinen

Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA



- Ms. Tahtinen guides the Division's work around outreach, partnerships and stakeholder engagement related to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
- Lotta has supported several major UN Conferences and their follow-up, including the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (or Rio +20), the 2014 Samoa Conference on Small Island Developing States, the 2016 Sustainable Transport Conference, and the 2017 UN Ocean Conference.
- She also coordinated the engagement of stakeholders in the intergovernmental process that led to the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in 2015.
- Before joining the UN in 2001, Lotta worked at the International Organization for Migration from 1998-2001, and at the Parliament of Finland from 1996-1998. She holds a Masters degree in International Relations from the University of Tampere, Finland.

Vibeke Jensen

Director for Peace and Sustainable Development, in UNESCO's Education Sector



- Since 1st January 2020 Vibeke Jensen is the incumbent Director of the Division for Peace and Sustainable Development within the Education Sector at UNESCO Headquarters. The Division covers, amongst others, education for sustainable development, global citizenship education,, prevention of violent extremism, , sexuality and HIV education, school violence and bullying, school health, and the UNESCO Associated Schools network with 11000 schools around the world.
- She joined UNESCO in 1989 and has held various positions in the Organization, both at Headquarters and in the field. Since November 2014, she has been Director of the UNESCO Office in Islamabad and UNESCO Representative to Pakistan.
- Her previous positions include Head of the UNESCO Office in Hanoi from 2007 to 2009, Director of the UNESCO Office in Dar-es-Salaam Salaam (Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, United Republic of Tanzania) from 2009 to 2013 and UNESCO Director and Head, Secretariat of the Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative (GEFI), United Nations, New York from 2013 to 2014.

Pauline Rose

Professor of International Education, Cambridge University and Director of the Research for Equitable Access and Learning (REAL) Centre



- Pauline Rose joined Cambridge University in February 2014 as Professor of International Education, where she is Director of the [Research for Equitable Access and Learning \(REAL\) Centre](#) in the Faculty of Education.
- Pauline was Director of UNESCO's [EFA Global Monitoring Report](#) (from August 2011) during which time she directed two reports on youth, skills and work, and on teaching and learning.
- Pauline is author of numerous publications on issues that examine educational policy and practice, including in relation to poverty and gender, financing and governance, democratization, and the role of international aid.

Madeleine Zúñiga

Vice President of the Global Campaign for Education, GCE, Member of the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education, CLADE.



- Madeleine Zúñiga is PhD in Education specialized in languages and cultures in education.
- Was a senior Lecturer at the National University of San Marcos.
- Vice President of the EFA National Forum 2002 -2005.
- National Coordinator of the Peruvian Campaign for the Right to Education, CPDE, since 2006.
- She was a Board member of the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education, CLADE.
- Currently, she is the Vice President of the Global Campaign for Education.

Tasnim Hemmadeh

Founder, ActGreen, Syria



- Electrical Engineering graduate from Syria, through her college years she helped improving education working with Ted, Coursera, and Syrian Researchers.
- Tasnim started the ActGreen vision with her team during the Visoulize2030 camp. Then she led her team to organize the first NDCs workshop in Syria, and now she is the first organizer of a policy paper workshop that tackled the future of energy in Syria from the youth perspective, in addition to ActGreen app about sustainable houses.
- Tasnim has worked with several organization such as UNDP Syria, and the British Council, planning projects for environment, early recovery and education

Agenda (cont.)



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| <p>10:25 – 10:30 AM</p> | <p><u>Closing Remarks</u></p> <p>Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Officer in Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)</p> |
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Alexander Trepelkov

Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA



- Mr. Alexander Trepelkov is Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). The Division serves as the global secretariat for the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Developments, with a focus on providing substantive support, integrated policy analysis, building multi-stakeholder partnerships and capacity development in thematic areas such as water, energy, climate, ocean, transport, science and technology, as well as special concerns of small island developing States (SIDS).
- In 2010-2018, he was Director of the Financing for Development Office, where he worked since 2000. His previous work in UN DESA was in the areas of Macro-and Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis and Public Administration and Finance. Prior to joining the UN Secretariat in 1989, Mr. Trepelkov was employed for 12 years in the Russian diplomatic service.

SDGs Learning, Training & Practice Programme



Check out the 9 other workshops this week, open to all registrants!

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| 8 July, 9:00 – 10:30 AM (EDT) Accelerating action through digital technologies: strengthening digital skills and capacities for human wellbeing | 8 July, 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EDT) Food systems and nutrition patterns: Biodiversity, Resilience and Food Security |
| 9 July, 9:00 – 10:30 AM (EDT) Global Environmental Commons: Co-designing solutions to integrate SDGs into policies and practices thru education and capacity development | 9 July, 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EDT) Energy decarbonization and universal access: Participatory Science and Stakeholder Capacity Building in Sustainable Energy Development |
| 10 July, 9:00 – 10:30 AM (EDT) Sustainable and just economies: – Lessons learned from the COVID-19 Crisis and enabling factors for the SDGs | 10 July, 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EDT) Urban and peri-urban development: Tools for SDG Localization |
| 13 July, 9:00 – 10:30 AM (EDT) Preparing for the second reporting cycle: Empowering Actors, Improving Coordination and strengthening SDG Data Reporting | 13 July, 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EDT) Preparing for the second reporting cycle: Empowering Actors, Improving Coordination and strengthening SDG Data Reporting |

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