Briefing Note: Speaker

‘Responding to Continuous Disruptions to Education – Reflections and Solutions’

‘A side event of the Global Education Summit: Financing GPE 2021-2025’

27th July 2021, 9am – 11am (BST)

The purpose of this briefing note is to provide you with GUIDANCE for your speaking role at the Side Event - ‘Responding to Continuous Disruptions to Education – Reflections and Solutions’.

PROGRAMME

The event will be organized by UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, UNICEF East Asia and the Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO) and the Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA), using a blend of plenary and group work sessions, virtual tools, and breakout room discussions to ensure a highly interactive session.

The event is composed of:
- **Plenary Session** [55 mins] – welcoming remarks, presentation to set the scene, discussion and Q&A
- **Group Breakout Sessions** [45 mins, 2 groups run concurrently] – the two groups are divided by region (Group A: South Asian countries; Group B: South East and East Asian countries) – presentations on country case studies and discussion
- **Plenary Session** [15 mins, 5 mins per rapporteur] – summary of breakout discussion
- **Closing** [5 mins] - hosts of the side-event

The **Group Breakout Sessions** is the second session [please see attached agenda]. The session [45 minutes] is composed of:
- Introduction from the hosts (UNESCO and UNICEF [5 mins])
- Two special guest speakers to present on country case studies [10 mins each]
- Discussion [20-30 mins]

MEETING AUDIENCE

Participants

The target audience is educationist policy makers and planners from the Asia Pacific region and beyond. We expect Ministry officials engaged in the COVID-19 response to participate. Other agencies engaged in the COVID response and the Asia-Pacific Network for Learning and Education 2030+ and sub-groups are also warmly invited to participate. This includes multilateral and bilateral agencies and civil society. Presentations will be provided by members of APEL2030+, including the coordinating agencies, UNESCO and UNICEF.

Moderator/Rapporteur

The event will be moderated by UNESCO and UNICEF and the rapporteur are representatives from the Ministry of Education and sub-regional organization (SEAMEO) from the region.

REGISTRATION

- Speakers will need to Register prior to the event.
- All other participants must register for the event.
- The event is being hosted on Zoom webinar platform.
- All speakers will receive a link to the event upon registration.
EVENT LOGISTICS

Content and flow of the session
- The host will coordinate the event production.
- You are encouraged to speak live at the event, but you may submit a pre-recorded video of your presentation (of max 10 min) by 22 July if you cannot attend in person.
- Speakers’ presentation may wish to highlight:
  o Your country’s case study on ‘Systematic approaches to remediation, distance learning and system adaptation to address potential learning loss’.
- A copy-edited version of Country Case Study reports from the ‘Situation analyses of Covid-19 Impacts on education in the Asia Pacific’ will be shared with the speakers for the preparation of your presentations.
- Please pay close attention to the time allocated to you [10 mins]. A clock will be visible during the meeting and will indicate when your time is up. The moderator will also prompt you if exceed your allocated time.
- Please note, all participants will be muted during the entire session. The event will be recorded and will be livestreamed.

Timing
- Please join the meeting 30 mins before the event starts to do final audio and sound check.

Technology and support
- All speakers have the option to attend the dry run on Monday, 26 July, 10 am – 11am (BST).
- The dry run is to test your internet connection, sound, lighting etc. This should be done using the same device and at the same place where you will take the actual call.
- Please share the full name, email address, and telephone number of at least one supporting staff who will assist you during the event, with ed2030.bgk@unesco.org.

Media/Advocacy/Communication
- Event information will be available on the Asia-Pacific SDG 4 – Knowledge Portal.
- Social media messaging will be developed, and organizers, speakers and participants will be invited to amplify messaging on their channels.

PREPARATION TIMELINE
- 19 – 22 July: All speakers to share their final PowerPoint presentations to ed2030.bgk@unesco.org.
- By 22 July: All pre-recorded videos of speakers (if not attending in-person) to be shared with the Secretariat (ed2030.bgk@unesco.org). Live presentations are strongly encouraged.
- 26 July: Dry run test sessions will be held (Monday, 26 July, 10 am – 11am BST). A full dry run will be conducted; compulsory for organizers and moderator to attend, optional for speakers.

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