



Transforming Education Summit convened by the United Nations Secretary-General

19 September 2022 – Leaders Day
16-17 September 2022 – Mobilization and Solutions Days

Information Note

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I. About the Summit

Recognizing that education is a human right and a foundation for peace, tolerance, other human rights and sustainable development, the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General is convening world leaders for a Transforming Education Summit (TES) as a key milestone in the advancement of Our Common Agenda¹. The Summit will include a youth-led Mobilization Day on Friday, 16 September, a Summit Solutions Day on Saturday, 17 September, in which ministerial-participation is encouraged. The Head of State and Government level Summit Leaders Day will be held on Monday 19 September 2022.

The Summit is being convened in response to a global crisis in education – one of equity and inclusion, quality and relevance. Often slow and unseen, this crisis is having a devastating impact on the futures of children and youth worldwide with progress towards the education-related Sustainable Development Goals badly off track. If unaddressed, its negative impacts on our collective pursuit of peace, justice, human rights and sustainable development will be felt for decades to come.

Preparatory process

Building on the seminal report from the UNESCO International Commission on the Futures of Education, which was chaired by Ms. Sahle-work Zewde, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia,² and the lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic, a **focused, intensive, and inclusive preparatory process** has been undertaken in 2022:

- **National consultations** have been advanced in over 100 countries to develop a shared vision, commitment and alignment of action across constituencies to transform education.
- **Thematic Action Tracks** have been convened at the global level to place a spotlight on the areas that require greater attention and action: (1) Inclusive, equitable, safe and healthy schools; (2) Teachers, teaching and the teaching profession; (3) Learning and skills for life, work and sustainable development; (4) Digital learning and transformation; and (5) Financing of education.
- **Public engagement and mobilization** efforts have sought to democratize dialogue around education and to grow a global movement for education transformation.

¹ <https://www.un.org/en/content/common-agenda-report/>

² [UNESCO International Commission on the Futures of Education](#)



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A **Pre-Summit, held at UNESCO HQ in Paris from 28 to 30 June 2022**, provided an inclusive forum for countries to present preliminary outcomes of national consultations and engage in discussions of key recommendations from the Summit Action Tracks. The meeting generated significant momentum with the participation of more than 1,800 persons, including 154 Ministers of Education and Vice-Ministers and two Heads of State. It clearly indicated, however, that more work was needed to have localized and deeper conversations on the country-specific transformations

Objectives and expected outcomes

The Summit provides a unique opportunity to elevate education to the top of the global political agenda and to mobilize action, ambition, solidarity and solutions to recover pandemic-related learning losses and sow the seeds to transform education in a rapidly changing world.

Building on the Summit preparations, the main **expected outcomes of the September Summit** are:

- 1) National and international commitments to transform education;
- 2) Greater public engagement around and support for transforming education; and
- 3) A Vision Statement on Transforming Education from the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General's Vision Statement will be formally submitted as an input to intergovernmental negotiations on the future of education as part of the preparations for the proposed UN Summit of the Future. It will also inform the work of the SDG4-Education 2030 High-Level Steering Committee in order to ensure effective follow-up at all levels.

II. Programme Overview

16 September: TES Mobilization Day

The TES Mobilization Day will be youth-led and youth-organized and will involve the full participation of a wide range of stakeholders. It will serve to convey the collective recommendations of youth on transforming education to decision and policymakers, informed by the Summit Youth Declaration. The Youth Declaration is being developed through a global consultative process facilitated by the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth together with the Summit Secretariat hosted by UNESCO and a number of partners that gathered young people's inputs. This Day will also focus on mobilizing the global public, youth, teachers, civil society and others to support the transformation of education across the world.

Ministers and high-level Member State delegations will be invited to engage in all sessions planned throughout the TES Mobilization Day. The Mobilization Day will take place in Conference Room 4 at the UN conference building. Please check the TES website for the [full programme of the Mobilization Day](#).



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17 September: TES Solutions Day

The TES Solutions Day will provide a platform for partners to mobilize support to launch or scale up initiatives connected to the Summit Thematic Action Tracks. Coalitions for action or other multi-stakeholder initiatives that will contribute to transforming education will be presented. The Day will evolve around 50 concurrent sessions, which were selected following a call for proposals process organized by the TES Secretariat. The call for proposals process invited Member States, UN agencies and a wide range of international organizations and agencies, civil society organizations, networks, foundations, alliances, the private sector and other initiatives to participate.

Ministers and policymakers of education and relevant sectors, as well as other stakeholders such as young people, representatives of civil society, the private sector, academia, are welcome to take part in any event organized during the TES Solutions Day. The plenary session for the opening and closing will take place in Conference Room 4. The concurrent sessions will take place in various meeting rooms in the UN conference building. Please visit the TES website for the [full programme of the Solutions Day](#).

19 September: TES Leaders Day

The TES Leaders Day will include 6 Leaders Roundtable for the presentation of National Statements of Commitment by Heads of State and Government.

The Day will also include six concurrent “Spotlight” sessions that focus on cross-cutting priorities for transforming education and for mobilizing high-level political support for action. The six Spotlight sessions will feature the following themes: (1) Education in crisis situation; (2) Foundational learning; (3) Education for sustainable development; (4) Digital learning; (5) Gender equality in education; and (6) Education finance.

The Leaders Day will also feature the presentation of the Summit Youth Declaration and the Secretary-General’s Vision Statement for Transforming Education.

III. Speaking opportunities for States

Mobilization Day

The Youth-led Mobilization Day will be open to all delegations and will include a small number of sessions where engagement between government representatives and youth is strongly encouraged. Interested delegations, particularly those that are likely to have Ministerial-level representation on that day, are encouraged to contact tes.publicengagement@unesco.org.



Solutions Day

Ministerial representation at the Summit Solutions Day is strongly encouraged. The full set of events taking place during the Solutions is available online.

Leaders Roundtables

During the TES Leaders Day on 19 September, Heads of State and Government, as well as Vice-Presidents are invited to present a national statement of commitment to transform education during the Leaders Roundtables. Time permitting, statements by registered Deputy Prime Ministers will also be accommodated.

The deadline for inscription in the Speakers List has now passed. A provisional List of Speakers has been shared with delegations. The list is organized, in the first instance, based on the order of inscription. Thereafter, protocol is applied to the speaking order within each Leaders Roundtable. Please contact leaders.roundtables@unesco.org for further information.

Leaders are encouraged to place particular emphasis on the steps that will be taken to recover pandemic-related learning losses; to reimagine education towards 2030 and beyond and to secure the financial resources needed to deliver in both of these areas. Additional guidance for preparing a national statement of commitment is available on the [Transforming Education Knowledge Hub](#).

It should be noted that all statements are to be delivered live in person. Time limits of **4 minutes** for national statements will be strictly implemented. During the Leaders Roundtables, Statements are to be delivered from the lectern in both the ECOSOC and Trusteeship Council Chambers.

Please note that the co-chairing arrangement of each Roundtable is currently being finalized. Co-Chairs will be drawn from the participating Heads of State and Government from the Co-Leads of the Summit Action Tracks, members of the Summit Advisory Committee, members of the SDG4 High Level Steering Committee and members of the Group of Friends of Education.

Pre-recorded video messages from Heads of State and Government wishing to address the Summit but unable to attend the Summit in person will be posted to the Summit website and will inform the final report of the Summit. Member States wishing to submit a video statement are encouraged to consult the [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#) on the TES webpage and/or contact the Summit secretariat at TES.videos@unesco.org.

Delegations are requested to provide a copy of their statement by email to estatements@un.org, in both PDF and Word, well in advance of the meeting, but no later than 2 hours before the meeting, indicating the title and date of the meeting, and the name and delegation of the speaker.



Spotlight sessions

Details regarding the Summit Spotlight sessions are available on the Summit website. There will be limited opportunities for contributions from delegations from the floor during these sessions. Interested delegations are encouraged to contact the focal point for individual sessions included on the Summit website.

III. Security arrangements and registration

Access to the United Nations complex during the high-level meetings of the UN General Assembly will be restricted to delegates and their staff; staff members of the United Nations Secretariat and of the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system; accredited media; and affiliates who have been issued a United Nations grounds pass. Members of civil society and non-governmental organizations who are invited to attend the Summit will be required to be in possession of government-issued identification and a special event ticket (indicating a specific meeting, date and time) at all times.

Official Delegation Registration and Access (Member States, observers, intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and related organizations).

All delegates in possession of a valid UN Grounds pass will be able to access the UN premises to attend Summit activities on 16 and 17 September.

Access to the General Assembly Hall and other conference rooms for the Transforming Education Summit and associated leaders round tables and spotlight sessions on Monday, 19 September 2022 will be as follows:

- (a) Every Permanent Mission will be issued a separate set of six cards of one colour for access to the General Assembly Hall and four cards of a different colour for access to the second floor of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings;
- (b) Each intergovernmental organization will be issued a separate set of two colour-coded access cards and each specialized agency will be issued a separate colour-coded access card for access to the General Assembly Hall. In addition, each intergovernmental organization and specialized agency will receive two cards of a different colour for access to the second floor of the General Assembly and Conference Buildings;
- (c) These access cards will be valid for one day only on 19 September 2022.
- (d) For access to the Trusteeship Council Chamber, Economic and Social Council Chamber and Conference Room 4 for the associated leaders round tables and spotlight sessions, delegations are required to use the same set of access cards.

Registration for other participants

Staff from UN agencies, funds and programmes will be able to attend Summit proceedings on 16 and 17 September provided they are in possession of a valid UN Grounds pass. Access on 19 September will be extremely limited and will require registration as outlined below.



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Participation of all others in the Summit proceedings (16-17 September, 19 September) – including young people, civil society, the private sector and others – is subject to acceptance of their expression of interest by the Summit Secretariat. (the deadline for expressions of interest has now passed).

Please note that there will only be a limited number of spaces available for other participants at the TES Leaders Day on 19 September. Access will only be possible for those who had their expression of interest accepted by the Summit secretariat and that are in possession of government-issued identification and a special event ticket (indicating the specific meeting, date and time) obtained through the Summit secretariat.

V. General considerations in the context of COVID-19

For information regarding the practical arrangements for the conduct of the high-level meetings and general debate of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly in light of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, please see the information note on Arrangements for the high-level meetings and the general debate of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly (to be issued as [A/INF/77/4](#)).

VI. Contact information

The detailed programme of the Summit and other details will be posted on the [TES website](#).

Summit materials, including in relation to National Consultations, Thematic Action Tracks and Public engagement are available on the [Transforming Education Knowledge Hub](#).

VII. Key dates for action

Action	Contact information	Deadline
Submission of a pre-recorded video statement to be uploaded on the Website (Head of States and Governments)	The Summit secretariat at TES.videos@unesco.org .	15 September 2022
Submission of a copy of national statement of commitment to be delivered during the Summit	estatements@un.org	19 September 2022 (2 hours before the meeting at the latest)