



PRESS RELEASE

A CELEBRATION FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

July 16, 2018. Civil society leaders call upon the Member States of the United Nations to adopt an International Day of Education for Global Citizenship (IDEGC). The world faces unprecedented challenges. Education is one of our most cost effective tools for tackling global concerns and global goals.

On July 18, 2018, from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm, civil society leaders will gather with government and United Nations officials at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations, 335 East 45th St., New York, NY. Speakers include Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, Professor of Economics at Columbia University, Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director and UNESCO Representative to the UN in NY, and H.E. Ambassador Cho Tae-yul, Permanent Representative, The Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations. The event is organized by: The NGO Steering Committee for an International Day of Education for Global Citizenship (IDEGC) in collaboration with UNESCO-NY, the UN Academic Impact, and the UN Alliance of Civilization Sponsored by: The Missions of the Republic of Korea and the State of Qatar to the United Nations. The event will feature other noted speakers, singers, dancers, and food!

According to event organizer Dr. Eunhee Jung, “The United Nations is in a unique position to advocate for education for global citizenship and to share best practices with member states and civil society through its various bodies including UNESCO, UNAOC and UNAI. Quality education and education for global citizenship will help youth to develop innovative solutions to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals.”

An International Day of Education for Global Citizenship would spotlight UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 Quality Education, and specifically SDG 4.7: “the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development.” The UN adopted its 17 SDGs in 2015.

On July 18, 2014, global citizenship was added to the language of SDG 4.7. This celebration marks the fourth anniversary of that date and reaffirms the commitment made in Gyeongju to establish an International Day of Education for Global Citizenship at the United Nations in the Gyeongju Action Plan at the 2016 UN DPI NGO conference, Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the SDGs for All.

As UNESCO explains in a 2013 report, “Global citizenship education aims to empower learners to engage and assume active roles both locally and globally to face and resolve global challenges and ultimately to become proactive contributors to a more just, peaceful, tolerant, inclusive, secure and sustainable world.”

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PROGRAM

RamiSeo's World Music Ensemble with Korean Traditional Dance Of Choomnoori (KTDOC)

Opening Remarks

Secretary General of the United Nations António Guterres (TBD)
The Former Secretary General Ban Ki-moon (Video)

H.E. Ambassador Cho Tae-yul,
Permanent Representative, The Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations

Mr. Abdulrahman Al Hamadi,
Charge d'Affairs, The Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations

Keynotes

Mr. Matthew Hodes,
Director of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

Ms. Marie Paule Roudil,
Director and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations in New York

Dr. Jeffrey Sachs,
Professor of Economics, Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network under the
auspices of UN Secretary-General António Guterres

Presentations and Congratulatory Messages around the World

Mr. Howard Wolfson (Invited),
The Former New York City Deputy Mayor for Government Affairs and Communications &
The Education Program Lead of Bloomberg Philanthropies

Speakers from public and private sectors, the field of education, and students
share their thoughts on citizenship, prosperity and peace

Musical Celebration

Contemporary Classical Piano Solo International Masters Academy of Opera

Closing

High Representative from UN DPI and Youth Group Performance

Dr. Scott Carlin & Dr. Eunhee Jung, Co-Chairs
The NGO Steering Committee for an International Day of Education for Global Citizenship

Evening reception

featuring:
The UN Jazz Society Band and Hip-pop Classical Singers on IDEGC