



On the occasion of the 2017 session of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) - United Nations' central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the

## **Education and Academia Stakeholder Group (EASG)<sup>1</sup>**

organizes a event on

### **Making SDG 4's commitment to universal, free education vital**

**10 July 2017; 1:15 - 2:30 PM**

**Conference Room B in the UN Conference Building**

Ensuring equal access to and quality education for all at all levels of education is one of the greatest tools societies hold in tackling poverty and inequality. Education is the most sustainable, long-term driver to increase prosperity, and to end poverty for good. Most of the goals reviewed this year by the High-level Political Forum rely on education for their realisation. Similarly, poverty, hunger, poor health, gender discrimination and climate-related disasters are detrimental to the realisation of SDG4.

Therefore this event will focus on the inter-sectoral approaches needed to promote dialogue and coordination in the education sector, in tune with the recognition of the indivisibility and interdependence of all human rights that are reflected across the 17 SDGs.

#### **Speakers:**

- H.E. Milan Milanović, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations
- Chikezie G. Anyanwu, Global Campaign for Education (GCE)
- Rene Raya, Asian South-Pacific Bureau for Adult Education (ASPBAE)
- Katarina Popović, International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)
  - *Moderator: Katarina Popović*

Global Campaign for Education. The speakers will discuss challenges and practices and discourses, which threaten the realisation of SDG 4, with the aim of developing inter-sectoral strategies and coordination among different actors in defence of education.

The event is open to all accredited HLPF participants.

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<sup>1</sup> Major and Stakeholder groups are the main channel for civil society engagement in the UN sustainable development agenda. The Education and Academia Stakeholder Group (EASG) is open to all organisations working for the full realisation of the right to a quality education, the implementation of Agenda 2030, and of SDG 4 in particular. The EASG brings together human rights-based education and academia organisations and networks to engage with the monitoring and review of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Group is organised by the Global Campaign for Education, Education International, the International Council for Adult Education and the European Students' Union. More under <http://www.educationacademia.org/>