

ADVANCING CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH EDUCATION

Event Information

Date: Monday 15th July, 2024

Time: 1:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Location: Baha'i International Community UN Office, 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 120, New York City

In Person Registration: [Link here](#)

Virtual Webinar Link: [Zoom registration link](#)

Overview

This roundtable discussion, co-organized by the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE), and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN, will underscore the need for resilient education systems and the pivotal role of education in climate action. It will explore innovative approaches and best practices, drawing on insights shared at the Asia and Africa Regional Forums for Sustainable Development, to showcase the transformative power of education in building sustainable and resilient futures.

At this year's HLPF, Climate Action (SDG 13) is in focus, providing the opportunity to elevate education as a core pillar of climate action and highlight education's dual role in climate resilience and as a vital tool for climate response. Education empowers individuals to tackle climate change effects, promoting sustainable development and greener societies. The event will also discuss how countries can implement the [Declaration on the Common Agenda for Education and Climate Change](#).

Objectives

- Build political will and momentum around the climate-education nexus to incorporate education into national climate strategies and develop climate-smart education policies;
- Highlight the impact of climate change on education, especially for the one billion children at extremely high risk of suffering from the climate crisis, affecting their well-being and their ability to attend school and learn;
- Spotlight the role of education, including climate education, to power the shift to safer, greener, and fairer societies and give students knowledge and tools they need to confront the impacts of climate change and the risks it poses to lives, livelihoods and well-being;
- Showcase innovative approaches, partnerships and best practices from countries, civil society, youth and the broader climate sector.

Proposed Speakers and Agenda

Moderator: Foluyinka Fakoya, Advocacy Specialist, GPE

Agenda

- (3 mins) Welcome: H.E. Ms. Shino Mitsuko, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations

- (5 mins) Keynote: Hon. Ralph Regenvanu, Minister for Climate Change Adaptation, Energy, Environment, Meteorology, Geohazards and Disaster Management, Vanuatu
- (40 mins) Roundtable Discussion
 - Speakers
 - Hon. Cecilia Adout Majok Adeng, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations in New York [TBC]
 - Sarah Beardmore, Head of Strategic Partnerships and Capabilities, GPE
 - Rene Raya, Regional Advocacy Coordinator and Lead Policy Analyst, ASPBAE
 - Diego Ambasz, Senior Education Specialist for the East Asia and Pacific Region, and Co-Global Lead for Education and Climate Change in the Education Global Practice, World Bank [TBC]
 - Juanquine Castro, Youth Leader, Philippines
 - Representative from the Permanent Mission of the US to the UN [TBC]
 - Youth leader, United Nations Foundation [TBC]
- (10 mins): Q&A
- (5 mins): Closing
- (20 mins): GPE "Education in the Eye of the Storm" Virtual Reality experience *OPTIONAL*