



A CELEBRATION FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

July 18, 2018. 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

@ the Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations

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

On July 18, 2014, global citizenship was added to the language of SDG 4.7. Our celebration marks the 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.

By unanimous consent, participants of the 66th United Nations DPI/NGO International Conference in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea (May 30 - June 1, 2016), entitled Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the SDGs for All. *“We urged Member States and the United Nations to support enactment by the United Nations for an International Day of Education that would serve as a means to promote education for global citizenship, learning for civic engagement, and literacy for grassroots empowerment.”* In the Gyeongju Action Plan, “we commit to utilize the pillars of formal education, informal education and training and advocacy and public information as means to reduce inequalities that impede the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, most particularly Goal 4.”

Global citizens identify with being a part of an interdependent world community, respect cultural diversity and human rights, and understand their perspectives and actions impact the values and practices of the world as well as the local communities. Enriching conventional notions of identity which include nationality, religion, and ethnicity, global citizenship recognizes local cultures, practices, and knowledge systems and embraces intercultural dialogue in a manner that compliments the dignity of all human beings and preserves biodiversity.

Education for global citizenship is an overarching concept that includes global citizenship education and education for sustainable development. As UNESCO (2013) explains, “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.” EGC includes the dissemination of SDG initiatives and the cultivation of partnerships among NGOs and the public and private sectors to achieve the SDGs.

An International Day of Education for Global Citizenship will be a day to spotlight SDG 4 Quality Education, in particular 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.

PROGRAM

Opening Ceremony (15')

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

Opening Remarks (10')

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 (20')

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 from around the World (20')

Mr. Howard Wolfson (Invited),
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 (35')

Contemporary Classical Piano Solo
International Masters Academy of Opera

Closing (10')

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 (60')

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