



**High- Level Side Event on “*Transforming Education in Africa*” at the Margins of the global Transforming Education Summit (TES) and the 77th United Nations General Assembly: New York, Tuesday, 20 September 2022
12:30 – 14:30 hours**

RUN OF SHOW

11:30 – Setting the stage for arrival of hosts

Organizers and protocol – Welcome AUC Chairperson and heads of UNICEF, UNESCO, WFP, EU. Ensure they are in place at AU Hall to welcome Heads of State and Government (HoSG), walk them to the red-carpet area for Photo-Op.

12:00 – Arrival of Presidents, Photo and Media opportunity at red carpet area with panelists and organizers (Presidents take a picture holding hashtag on education. Journalists have the opportunity to ask questions to Presidents and panelists).

12:15 –HoSG are ushered toward the Hall guided by Protocol and seated. (AUC, UNICEF Protocol).

12:30 – Opening Session

Moderator Ms. Folly Bah Thibault - welcomes guests (Introduction of speakers, focus of today’s side event, house rules, etc) – projection of event slide (live streamed) and *informs guests of the interpretation facility before handing over to the Chair.* (1min)

12:31 -*The Session Chair Prof. Mohammed Belhocine, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI) takes the floor to welcome all participants recalling the objectives and expected outcomes of the High-Level Side Event before handing over to the AUC Chairperson to welcome H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal and Chairperson of the African Union to deliver his welcoming remarks (2 min).*

12:33 – *H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat, AUC Chairperson welcomes and introduces H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal and Chairperson of the African Union to deliver his welcoming remarks (3 min).*

12:36 - *H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal and Chairperson of the African Union makes his remarks welcoming all keynote speakers (Heads of States/heads of governments and institutions) before handing back to the Session Chair. (5 min)*



12:41-The Session Chair thanks H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal, briefly introduces the theme and speakers and hands over to the moderator to introduce the first speaker of the opening session (2 min).

12:43 -The moderator Introduces the first speaker of the Opening Session (1min)

12:45 – H.E. President of Sierra Leone, Co-Chair of the Global Education Coordination Mechanism of SDG4 delivers his statement and opens the High-Level Side Event Meeting (5 min).

The moderator thanks H.E. the President of Sierra Leone and invites Ms. Audrey Azoulay, Director General, UNESCO to deliver her statement.

12:50 - Ms. Audrey Azoulay, Director General, UNESCO delivers her statement (5 min).

The moderator thanks Ms. Audrey Azoulay, Director General, UNESCO and invites Ms. Catherine Russell, Executive Director, UNICEF to deliver her statement.

12:55 – Ms. Catherine Russell, Executive Director, UNICEF delivers her statement (5 min).

The moderator thanks Ms. Catherine Russell and invites Mr. David Beasley, Executive Director, WFP to deliver his statement.

13:00 – Mr. David Beasley, Executive Director, WFP delivers his statement (5 min).

The moderator thanks Mr. David Beasley, Executive Director, WFP to deliver his statement and invites H.E. Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships to deliver her statement.

13:05- H.E. Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for International Partnerships delivers her statement. (5 min)

The moderator thanks H.E. Jutta Urpilainen.

-The moderator sets the scene and hands over to Ms. Marie-Pierre Poirier, Regional Director, UNICEF to present key findings of the joint AU-UNICEF Report on “Transforming Education in Africa: An evidence-based overview and opportunities for long-term improvements.”

13:10 - Ms. Marie- Pierre Poirier presents key findings of the Report on “Transforming Education in Africa: An evidence-based overview and opportunities for long-term improvements” (5 min).

The moderator thanks Ms. Marie-Pierre Poirier and introduces Session 2.

13:15 - Session 2: The Moderator introduces session 2 **High Level panel discussions on Education Financing: Challenges and Perspectives. (20 min)**

Heads of State talk about their country experience, highlighting achievements, lessons learned and share their recommendations for strengthening financing of education to address the learning crisis in Africa. (5 min each HoSG).

The Moderator Ms. Folly Bah Thibault, welcomes the panelists and invites the first panelist H.E.....

Panelists:

- H.E. Nana Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana
- H.E. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of DRC
- H.E. Mohamed Bazoum, President of Niger
- H.E. Aziz Akhannouch, Prime Minister of Morocco
- Mr. Charles North, Education Financing – GPE Ag. CEO

13:35 Moderator, Ms. Folly Bah Thibault, introduces panel on *Multi-sectoral and Multi-stakeholder partnerships for Education in Africa. (20 min).*

Heads of States and Governments and Education partners share their views, commitments and recommendations on establishing a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder partnership for a renewed movement supporting initiatives to transform education in Africa.

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Panelists:

- H.E. Azali Assoumani, President of Comoros
- H.E. Emmerson Mnangagwa, President of Zimbabwe (*Pre-recorded Video*)
- **H.E. Philip Mpango, Vice-President of Tanzania**
- H.E. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius (*Pre-recorded Video*)
- Mr. Anders Holm – CEO, Hempel Foundation

13:55 Moderator, Ms. Folly Bah Thibault, introduces *High Level panel on Innovative and Scalable Solutions to address the learning crisis in Africa. (20 min).*

Panel 3:

Heads of States and Governments and partners talk about their country experiences, highlighting achievements and lessons learned and share their recommendations for scaling up innovation solutions to address the learning crisis in Africa.

The Moderator introduces panel 3, welcomes the panelists, and invites the first panelist H.E...

Panelists:

- **H.E. Alassane Ouattara, President of Côte d'Ivoire**
- H.E. Muhammadu Buhari, President of Nigeria
- H.E. Lazarus Chakwera President of Malawi
- H.E. Prime Minister of Republic of Congo (*Pre-recorded Video*)
- Mr. Segun O. Ogunsanya, CEO/MD Airtel (*Pre-recorded Video*) *TBC*

The Moderator Folly Bah Thibault *introduces* session 3, welcomes and invites the presenters to take the floor

(14:15) Session 3: Declarations (10 min)

Chair: Dr. Monica Musenero Masanza, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation – Republic of Uganda: Rapporteur of STC-EST.

- Presentation of the Youth Manifesto on Transforming Education in Africa by the AU Youth Envoy, Ms. Chido C Mpemba. (5 min)
- Presentation of a Draft Africa Declaration on priorities for transforming education in Africa by H.E. Prof. Mohammed Belhocine, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation (ESTI), AUC (5 Min)

The Moderator, Folly Bah Thibault, ***seeks endorsement in principle of the declarations by acclamation. (2min)***

(14:25) Session 4: Closing (5 min)

The Moderator thanks the presenters and invites Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, Chief Executive Officer of AUDA-NEPAD followed by *Head of State* to give closing remarks (5 min)

14:30 hours – End of High-Level Side Event on Transforming Education in Africa.

Protocol invites/escorts HoSG