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# EU High Level Conference on **Education and Development** From Challenges to Opportunities

**Brussels, 23 May 2013**

Solvay Library  
rue Belliard 137, Leopold Park  
1040 Brussels



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## PROGRAMME

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Master of Ceremonies:

*Kristian Schmidt*, Director, Human and Society Development, European Commission

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8:30-9:30

Coffee and Registration

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9:30-10:30

### OPENING SESSION

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*Projection of 'Girl Friendly Spaces' – a Case Study from Somalia*

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- *Andris Piebalgs*, EU Commissioner for Development, Member of the UNSG High Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda
  - *Catherine Ashton*, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (EEAS) and Vice-President of the European Commission
  - *Irina Bokova*, Director-General of UNESCO (video message)
  - *Chernor Abdulai Bah*, Chair Youth Advocacy Group of the Global Education First Initiative
  - *Androulla Vassiliou*, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth (EAC)
  - *Gordon Brown*, UN Special Envoy for Global Education
  - *Her Royal Highness Princess Laurentien*, UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy for Development
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10:30-11.00

Coffee break/Press conference

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<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<b>PLENARY PANEL 1</b> <b>Building better and more equitable education systems together.</b> <b>On the path to resilient development</b>
	<b>Moderator</b> <i>Sven Kuehn von Burgsdorff</i> , EU Ambassador to South-Sudan
	<b>Panellists</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Christian Friis Bach</i>, Minister for Development Cooperation, Denmark</li> <li>• <i>Joseph Ukel Abango</i>, Minister of General Education and Instruction, South Sudan</li> <li>• <i>Mamoud Tarawalie</i>, Deputy Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Sierra Leone</li> <li>• <i>Bendito dos Santos Freitas</i>, Minister of Education, Timor Leste</li> <li>• <i>Geeta Rao Gupta</i>, Deputy Executive Director UNICEF</li> <li>• <i>Kristalina Georgieva</i>, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response (ECHO)</li> </ul>
	<b>Discussion with the audience</b>
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:30-16:30</b>	<b>PLENARY PANEL 2</b> <b>role of education in the Post- 2015 framework:</b> <b>reaching equitable and quality learning for all</b>
	<b>Moderator</b> <i>Carol Bellamy</i> , Chair of the Global Partnership for Education
	<b>Panellists</b>
	<i>Joe Costello T.D.</i> , Minister of State for Trade and Development, Ireland
	<i>Im Sethy</i> , Minister of Education, Youth and Sport, Cambodia
	<i>Serigne Mbaye Thiam</i> , Minister of National Education, Senegal
	<i>Amanda Gardiner</i> , Head of International Affairs Pearson
	<i>Genwa Samhat</i> , Youth Advocacy Group of the Global Education First Initiative
	<i>Camilla Croso</i> , President Global Campaign for Education
	<i>Andris Piebalgs</i> , EU Commissioner for Development
	<b>Discussion with the audience</b>
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>
	<i>Farooq Wardak</i> , Minister of Education, Afghanistan
	Conclusions by <i>Andris Piebalgs</i> , EU Commissioner for Development
<b>17:30-18:30</b>	<b>Reception cocktail</b>

Conference webstreaming will be available at: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/fromchallenges2013\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/fromchallenges2013_en.htm)