



Global Action Week 2015: Global Activity Update

Here is a non-exhaustive overview of events that have been carried out during this year's Global Action Week, as well as information on GAW activities which will take place in the run-up to the World Education Forum in Incheon, Korea and the UN General Assembly in New York. Together, citizens worldwide are calling on their governments to Vote for Education.

Movement for Support of Quality Education in Afghanistan (MSQEA), Afghanistan

The Movement for Support of Quality Education in Afghanistan and its host organisation Watch on Basic Rights Afghanistan (WBRAO) have organised a variety of activities for Global Action Week, including a national conference in Kabul, raising awareness through media outlets and partners to millions of Afghans in over 30 provinces, and distribution of promotional and campaign materials across the country. For more details, contact campaign@wbrao.org.

Albanian Coalition for Child Education (ACCE), Albania

Since local elections are taking place in Albania, our Albanian coalition is taking the opportunity to try to put education and children's policies at centre stage during the whole of May. It is calling on the Albanian government to: Vote for Public Education; Vote for Inclusive Education; Vote for Investment in Education; and to allow Citizens to Vote for Education. There will be awareness-raising activities in all major regions of Albania. ACCE Member organisations will organise activities in schools, preschools, and activities with parents.

Campaña Argentina por el Derecho a la Educación (CADE), Argentina

In Argentina, CADE have organised a public presentation at the Buenos Aires International Book Fair on civil society positions on education (that take into account the World Education Forum in May, and the post-2015 agenda). There will also be a meeting of the CADE federal chapter and SUMATE on education-specific issues. The main objective of the campaign is to influence post-2015 negotiations, and encourage the government to take advantage of the opportunity this year in particular to Vote for Education.

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, our members have organised gatherings of 15-year-olds (born in April 2000) in different parts of the country, to mark 15 years since the signing of the Dakar Declaration. These children include those in school, those who have not completed school and those who have never been to school. They have been telling their stories to a mixed group of local education administrators, teachers, parents, NGO representatives and community leaders. You can read some of these stories on the [GCE Global Action Week website](#). CAMPE organised activities at local, regional and national levels. Materials include a booklet of the children's stories and a calendar, and there will be significant media coverage.

Campaña Boliviana por el Derecho a la Educación – CBDE, Bolivia

The Bolivian coalition launched Global Action Week with a press conference in the capital, La Paz, and there will be subsequent activities in other parts of Bolivia. Their theme for this year's campaign is "[Beyond 2015 - the education that we want](#)" ("*Más allá del 2015: la educación que queremos*"). Activities include a workshop on the challenges and aims of education for young people and adults 2015-2030, a photography exhibition, and screenings of two documentaries – [Dignité](#), on the right to education in Haiti, and another produced by the [Education Councils of the Indigenous Peoples of Bolivia](#).

Campanha Nacional pelo Direito à Educação, Brazil

Global Action Week in Brazil will take place from 21-27th June. Our Brazilian members are organising a nationwide event as well as mobilisation through their 24 regional committees. The campaign aims to strengthen the voice of civil society. 25th June 2015 also marks the first anniversary of the country's National Education Plan, so events will focus on this as well as Education for All targets and the SDGs. For more details, see their [GAW website](#).

Coalition nationale pour l'éducation pour tous au Burkina Faso (CN-EPT/BF), Burkina Faso

At the launch event in Ouagadougou, citizens had a clear message - no more broken promises! Until May 7th, they were taking part in activities organised by our colleagues the National Coalition for Education For All in Burkina Faso, to make it clear that their government must respect the right to education for all. On May 4th, the coalition organised a march and presented their demands to the National Education Minister. These include: allocating at least 25% of the national budget to education, ensuring free education until the age of 16, and more involvement of civil society in decision-making regarding national education policy. This campaign was covered by national media (for example, [here](#) and [here](#)).

BAFASHEBIGE and ActionAid Burundi

ActionAid Burundi, together with GCE national member [BAFASHEBIGE](#), are using Global Action Week to campaign for improved learning conditions for children and clearer policies on education. Aside from the official launch, there will be a drawing competition for children born in 2000, and media coverage too.

Cameroon Education For All Networks (CEFAN)

Global Action Week in Cameroon takes place from April 23rd to May 15th. Highlights include a televised roundtable on the achievements and shortcomings of the EFA agenda in Cameroon, and projections for beyond 2015. A representative of the government will be present, as well as

representatives from civil society. There will be cultural and sporting activities in five regions of the country, including Buéa, Douala, Dschang, and Yaoundé. The coalition will be urging supporters to sign the #UpForSchool petition. The key messages of the Cameroonian campaign are: Vote for Public Education, Vote for Inclusive Education and Vote for Quality Education.

Foro por el Derecho a la Educación, Chile

The Foro por el Derecho a la Educación in Chile will be producing a shadow report on the Chilean government's compliance with the EFA Goals 2015 - both its achievements and its shortcomings. This report will be presented to the public and the government at a later date.

Coalición Colombiana por el Derecho a la Educación, Colombia

In Colombia, a forum will be organised with stakeholders to discuss a review of progress on Education For All in the country. A public statement on the findings will be made afterwards. There will also be regional consultations and campaign materials available throughout GAW. The aim is to strengthen the voice of civil society regarding Colombia's post-2015 position.

Danish NGO Education Network and IBIS, Denmark

This Global Action Week, 186,000 students and 8,000 teachers have been using education materials produced by our Danish coalition and our international member IBIS. On April 30th 1,000 students will meet the Danish Prime minister Helle Thorning Schmidt in front of the Danish parliament building. All Danish politicians have been invited to this event. You can find more information on the IBIS website [here](#).

El Foro Socioeducativo, Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic chose to focus on a different theme for each day of Global Action Week: quality, transparency, finance, teachers, citizens' input, national legislation, inclusivity, and sex education. Their slogan throughout the campaign is '*I'm committed to education*' ('*Yo me comprometo con la educación*'). There were activities held across the country every day, as well as a strong campaign on social media and mainstream media coverage. For more information on Global Action Week in the Dominican Republic, visit the Foro Socioeducativo's [website](#).

Egypt Coalition for Education for All

The Egyptian coalition are using the theme '*Better Education; Egypt's Dream – Vote for Education*' for their Global Action Week. Campaign activities include a launch event, a roundtable with education experts and government representatives, street theatre shows in three areas on the right to education, and a press conference with a large media presence. For more information, see the [Arab Campaign for Education for All website](#).

Solidarité Laïque, France

The French coalition hosted a meeting on May 6th to give their national recommendations to the French delegation to the World Education Forum, in Korea, for the post-2015 education goals. Representatives from the French Ministry of Education, the French Development Agency, teachers' unions, NGOs and the Secretary of State for Development Annick Girardin were all in attendance. In addition, there was a press campaign and a roundtable on financing in education. Check out the Solidarité Laïque [website](#) for more information.

Colectivo de Educación para todas y todos de Guatemala

The Guatemalan coalition will oversee the production of community radio programmes to raise awareness of Education For All and mobilise citizens to engage in post-2015 debates. Specific calls will be made on the government to meet the goals of the Dakar Framework and to commit to the post-2015 goals on the right to education until 2030. A letter will be submitted to the Ministry of Education, demanding its commitments in this area.

Regroupement Education pour Toutes/Tous (REPT), Haïti

Five years on from the earthquake that devastated the country, our Haitian colleagues - Regroupement Education pour Toutes/Tous (REPT) - and our regional members in Latin America CLADE have made a documentary on the right to education in Haiti. In the film, Haitian citizens, including students, teachers, parents, activists, and government representatives, reflect upon the challenges and put forward proposals to build a fairer, more effective education system for all children. Dignité was launched in Port au Prince on April 24th. For more information on the film, check out [CLADE's website](#) (*La Campaña Latinoamericana por el Derecho a la Educación*).

Foro Dakar Honduras

Foro Dakar Honduras has been using Global Action Week to highlight its demands for the government to ensure all Hondurans can access their human right to education. Other priorities include attaining 100% primary-level enrolment, increase literacy programmes for adults, and working towards gender equity in education. There will be conferences and an event on inclusive education in the region. NGOs, civil society organisations, the media, and government officials have all been invited to take part. Check out the [website](#) for more information.

Arab Network for Popular Education, Lebanon

The Arab Network for Popular Education wants the Lebanese government to vote for quality education, at all levels. They're holding a large event, where 15-year-olds will share their stories and experiences of what education means to them. NGOs, teachers' unions, the media and government representatives have all been invited.

Coalition Nationale Malagasy de l'Education Pour Tous (CONAMEPT), Madagascar

The slogan for the Madagascan campaign is '*It's time: Keep our commitments, 15 years on!*' (*Il est temps : Tenons nos engagements, 15 ans après !*) 15-year-old children - born in the year of the Dakar Forum in 2000 - gave interviews and spoke about their experiences of education. The press conference to launch Global Action Week was transmitted on national television. CONAMEPT will lobby and raise awareness of government departments through public hearings, communications materials and press releases. The campaign will serve to remind governments of their commitments to education, and their achievements and failures to date.

Coalition des Organisations Mauritanienne pour l'Education (COMEDUC), Mauritania

Our colleagues in Mauritania campaigned for their government to Vote for Education in Nouakchott and Nouadhibou from 2nd to 6th May. They organised school visits, various outreach activities and an awareness-raising day at the National Assembly. Global Action Week in Mauritania featured in the national media too.

Incidencia Civil en Educación, A.C. ICE México

The Mexican coalition will host a forum of civil society experts, teachers, academics, government officials and legislators from educational institutions to reflect on and develop viable proposals for the government's position to influence the EFA reviews. The campaign will enable the citizens of Mexico to contribute towards strengthening their government's commitments to the EFA goals.

Moldova Coalition for Education For All

During the month of May, the Moldovan coalition will display Vote for Education banners and posters in the centre of the capital Chisinau, right next to the Ministry of Education seat. The coalition has produced advocacy materials and a set of recommendations for the country's post 2015 position in consultation with education experts. A journalist will meet young people who were born in 2000, including children from both urban and rural areas, and children with disabilities. They will share their hopes and concerns regarding education.

Morocco Coalition for Education for All

Activities for Global Action Week in Morocco included a press conference, seminars in major cities on the campaign in general, the right to education and the issue of funding to education. The coalition presented a briefing note to government officials, and the week ended with a large national symposium on educational reform requirements post-2015.

Foro de Educación y Desarrollo Humano, Nicaragua

Our members in Nicaragua have brought together over 40 civil society organisations for a whole month of action. Their slogan for this year's Global Action Week is *'For quality education 2015-2030 - I sign up to that!'* (*"Por una Educación de Calidad 2015-2030, ¡Yo me sumo!"*). The immediate priority for activists is to get the Nicaraguan government to commit to more financial investment in education. The campaign launched in the capital on Sunday 26th April, and activities during the month will include education carnivals, local forums and even a walk for education! For more updates, follow them on Facebook or Twitter @fedhipn.

ASO-EPT Niger

Global Action Week in Niger launched in the region of Tahoua with a procession, involving citizens and education activists. The Niger coalition is targeting several issues this GAW: reviewing the Education For All agenda in Niger, early marriage, inclusive education, and nutrition in schools. All in all, there will be activities taking place in 7 regions of the country, including public conferences, two documentary screenings on Education for All in Niger from 2000 to 2015, a cultural evening with students, school visits to learn more about conditions for students and teachers alike, radio and TV debates, and much, more!

Syndicat National des Enseignants du Niger (SNEN) (National Union of Teachers in Niger)

SNEN in Niger is using Global Action Week to lobby for an increase in national spending on education, and for increased recruitment and training of teachers.

Pakistan Coalition for Education - PCE

Schoolchildren across the country are participating in Global Action Week. The Pakistan Coalition for Education held a series of discussions on Financing of Education in 30 districts of the country

through its member organisations. This dialogue aims to empower citizens and make them aware of their right to education, and to encourage them to hold their elected representatives accountable. PCE also organised an essay competition for 13 to 15-year-olds. Participants will express their views and ideas on how to bring about a change in the education system, for a better tomorrow.

Palestine Coalition for Education

The campaign will feature a study on Education For All, participation in political hearings and media engagement. There will also be a workshop involving civil society and political leaders on the challenges of achieving education goals. Palestine is attempting to receive 1 million drawings and images from citizens around the country illustrating their ideas for education beyond 2015.

Foro por el Derecho a la Educación de Paraguay

In Paraguay two public hearings were organised with CSOs and government representatives to track progress and challenges of achieving Education For All. The coalition will produce campaign materials and raise online awareness via social media networks and audio-visual coverage throughout the two public hearings. The aim is to bring citizens' views into debates on Education for All.

Civil Society Network for Education Reforms (E-Net Philippines)

The main event for Global Action Week in the Philippines on: 'The Right to Education 2000-2030' will take stock of past and prepare for future global post-2015 negotiations. There will be campaign materials available, for example, CSO score cards, and an outcomes report.

Save the Children Romania

With the support of its national partners, Save the Children Romania will encourage and support the participation of approximately 900 education institutions in Romania. From May 4th to 10th, schools across the country put on a range of activities to mark Global Action Week.

COSYDEP and SNEEL/CNTS (teachers' union), Senegal

Our member in Senegal, COSYDEP, is working with SNEEL to organise activities such as forums, lobbying events and training sessions, in order to raise awareness of Global Action Week, and its demands on the government.

Somalia Coalition for Education for All

Our colleagues in Somalia are visiting schools to spread the message of Global Action Week. There will be press conferences and consultation meetings to encourage the government to Vote for Education. For more information, see the [Arab Campaign for Education for All website](#).

Campaña Mundial por la Educación España, Spain

GCE Spain are using the slogan *Yo Voto por la Educación ¿y tú? ('I vote for education. Do you?')*. They have produced a 'declaration for education' – outlining the kind of education we want governments to commit to this year and beyond. The coalition produced games that could be downloaded, like Twister, to encourage schoolchildren to learn about and support quality education for all. There were 29 events in more than 25 cities across Spain, and more than 7,000 students took part. People

up and down the county have posted photos of themselves 'voting for education' on the [CME website](#).

Sudan Coalition for Education for All

The Sudanese coalition planned to hold several symposiums for teachers, parents, pupils, councils, and local communities to raise awareness on the right to education and child rights. There were also lectures, workshops and forums, as well as an exhibition to be attended by the Sudanese President.

Tanzania Education Network /Mtatandao wa Elimu Tanzania (TEN / MET)

For Global Action Week 2015, Tanzania has been focusing on the protection of the right to education for girls, and events took place in Tabora region from 4th to 8th May. The launch event began with a procession, and the guest of honour was the Regional Commissioner Hon. Ludovick Mwananzila. There were songs, poems, and exhibitions. Other activities during the week included visits to selected communities and schools, life-skills training for 80 girls, a reading competition for primary and secondary school students and sports competitions. The closing event was on May 8th and the guest of honour was the Tabora Regional Education Officer.

Global Campaign for Education - US

GCE US have come up with lots of ways for citizens to take action for this year's Global Action Week. There are individual actions, such as writing to Members of Congress and Senators, or engaging on social media, and team actions, like hosting an event within schools and communities or organising film screenings. For Global Action Week, GCE-US have been asking people to recognise and engage in the power of advocacy to ensure that education is prioritised by the government. They organised a Google Hangout #AdvocacyWorks, a Twitter chat on youth and advocacy, a conference in Washington and a panel in Virginia, as well as publishing stories of advocacy success from GCE members in Africa on their [blog](#), and writing articles for other publications. They will be holding a Congressional Advocacy Day in the summer, with youth advocates and coalition members. See the [GCE-US website](#) for more information.

Yemen Coalition for Education for All

On Sunday April 26th, the Yemeni coalition marked the 15th anniversary of the Dakar Forum on Education for All, attended by government representatives. Other activities during Global Action Week in Yemen included visits to schools, meeting with political party leaders to encourage them to work with civil society on prioritising education, and organising a petition which will be delivered to the Ministry of Education.