



Regional Open Wave The Launching of The Regional Campaign “Debts Cancellation for Future of Education In the Arab Region” January 30, 2021

Background

The Arab Campaign for Education for All -ACEA and its partner's organizations has closely monitored the severe impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic on education sector in the Arab region. ACEA carried out series of different interventions at regional and national levels to ensure the right to education during this crisis but the impact of the crisis is excessive and needs interventions at the level of states, governments and international organizations. ACEA strongly believes that the only practical and realistic way to respond to the crisis is the debts cancellation for the least developed and low-income countries and transferring these debts for supporting several vital sectors especially education.

Accordingly, the Arab Campaign for Education for All -ACEA is launching a regional advocacy campaign to enable the urgent demand of debts cancellation for the Arab countries and the most affected countries from wars and conflicts. It also aims at raising the voice of citizens and civil society organizations and convey their demands to the governments and to the International financial institutions.

The campaign entitled “**Debts Cancellation for Future of Education in the Arab Region**” includes several events and activities at short- and medium-term interventions (1-3) years in order to ensure debts cancellation for education and to secure an increase in public financing for education.

The campaign will be launched on Saturday 30 January 2021 on the occasion of the International Day of Education from 11:00 am SAST -4:30 pm SAST via Zoom platform and it will be mainstreamed via ACEA social media channels.

Targeted Countries

Yemen, Sudan, Somalia, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco and Palestine.

Themes and Topics During the Launching

- 1) The Campaign Launch (Objectives, Purposes and Strategies)
- 2) Release the Campaign Policy Statement
- 3) External debts in the Arab region (statistics, information, data)
- 4) Implications of COVID -19 pandemic on public debt in the Arab countries
- 5) Analysis of the debts accumulation impacts on education in the Arab region
- 6) Introduce possible solutions and possible call for actions for governments and civil society to strengthen education financing and reduce the impacts of debts on education

Speakers and participants

The launching of the campaign will bring together; decision makers and government representatives, human rights activists, academics, educators, media persons, and representatives of international organizations. In addition to ACEA board of directors and the Arab Educational Coalitions.

The Online Global Launch Agenda 30 January 2021		
Time (SAST)	Topic	Who
Launching of the Open Wave: Ms. Reem Al-Omari-Journalist Session 1: Opening Speeches Moderator: Ms. Rand Al Wahsh – Monitoring and Research Coordinator-ACEA		
11:00- 12:30 pm (SAST)	1.1 Foreign Debts Impacts on Education in the least Developing and Poor Countries	Ms. Camilla Croso Director of the Education Program- Open Society Foundations
	1.2 The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Education Financing /Foreign Debts of the least Developing and Countries	Mr. David Archer Head of Participation and Public Services- Action Aid
	1.3 Teachers' Associations Role and Contribution in Debts Cancellation Campaign	Ms. Dalila EL Barhmi Regional Coordinator for Arab-Countries- Education International
	1.4 Issues related to Foreign debts cancellation that should be considered during the debt cancellation campaign	Mr. Rene Raya The Asia Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE)
	1.5 Policy Recommendations for Developing Countries to confront Foreign Debts Crisis	Mr. Grant Kasowanjete Global Coordinator- Global Campaign for Education
	1.6 ACEA Strategies for Debts Cancellation of Poor Arab Countries	Dr. Zahi Azar Head of Arab Campaign for Education for all
Session 2: The Impact of Foreign Debts on Education in the Arab Countries		
Yemen live Stream Moderator: Dr. Khalil Al Khatib- Head of Yemeni Scientific Association for Educational Administration		
12:30- 12:50 pm SAST	Debts Impact on Yemen: -The political situation impact on debts -Debts impact and consequences on education -How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Yemen?	Dr. Yousef Al Rimi Head of Planning Department in the Yemen Research Center Dr. Ali Al Dokari Acting Director of Development Mr. Ali Al Debyani

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		<p>Researcher Mr. Fo'ad Al Hada' General Director of National Education Mr. Moustafa Naser Director of Economic Media Center Ms. Etihad Arshan Researcher At Ib University</p>
<p>Somalia Live Stream Moderator: Mr. Adam Mohammed Adam- Somalia Coalition for Education</p>		
<p>12:50- 1:10 Pm SAST</p>	<p>Debts Impact on Somalia -The political situation impact on debts -Debts impact and consequences on education -Is there a decrease in the international fund of education in Somalia? - How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Somalia?</p>	<p>Dr. Ali Hussien Academic and Finance Expert Mr. Abd Al Qader Adam Educational Researcher Dr. Mohammed Fareh Risk Management Manager - Global Bank of Somalia</p>
<p>Sudan Live Stream Moderator: Mr. Nagi Al Shafei-Sudanese Coalition for Education</p>		
<p>1:10- 1:30 pm SAST</p>	<p>Debts Impact on Sudan -The political situation impact on debts -What is the impact of debt on education especially in conflict regions such as Darfur? -How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Yemen?</p>	<p>Mr. Hussien Abu Janna Secretary-General of the Sudanese Economists Union and an economist at the World Bank Mr. Moustafa Hassan Commissioner General of Voluntary and Humanitarian Aid</p>
<p>Lebanon Live Stream Moderator: Ms. Elsy Wakil -Lebanese Coalition for Education</p>		
<p>1:30- 1:50 pm SAST</p>	<p>Debts Impact on Lebanon -The political situation impact on debts -What is the impact of debt on education especially after Beirut Explosion? -How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Lebanon?</p>	<p>Mr. Amin Saleh Financial Expert, Head of the Anti-Corruption Commission and former Director General of Public Accountancy at the Lebanese Ministry of Finance Ms. Maha Nammour Member of the Lebanese Coalition for Education</p>
<p>Experts and Regional Networks Session Moderator: Ms. Reem Al Omari</p>		
<p>1:50- 2:30 pm SAST</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debts Crisis in the Arab Region and its Socio-Economic Implications • COVID-19 Impacts on Debts Crisis and the future of Socio-Economic Rights of the Citizens 	<p>Mr. Imad Sabi Senior Program Officer-Education Support Program- OSF</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Advocacy Strategies to implement Debts Cancellation Campaign • Civil Society efforts in advocating for debts cancellation in the Arab Region • What form of dialogue is required with lending governments and global financial institutions to make the debt cancellation campaign a success? 	<p>Mr. Ziyad Abd Al-Samad Director of the Arab NGO Network for Development-ANND-Lebanon</p> <p>Mr. Orayb Al Rintawi Writer and Political Analyst-Jordan</p> <p>Dr. Ramzi Odeh Researcher and Academic-Palestine</p>
<p>Palestine Live Stream Moderator: Ms. Rawan Ayyash- Palestinian Educational Coalition</p>		
<p>2:30- 2:50 pm SAST</p>	<p>Debts Impact on Palestine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The political situation impact on debts -Debts impact and consequences on education - How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Palestine? 	<p>Dr. Saif Al-Deen Odeh Head of the Monetary Policy and Financial Markets Department at the Palestinian Monetary Authority</p> <p>Mr. Ahmad Jaradat Coordinator of Alternative Information Center projects and activist in social movements</p>
<p>Iraq Live Stream Moderator: Mr. Ayad Salih- The Iraqi Institution for Development</p>		
<p>2:50-3:10 pm SAST</p>	<p>Debts Impact on Iraq</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The reality of the debts on Iraq, especially in light of the current political instability - Debts impacts on education - How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Iraq? 	<p>Mr. Hussien Anwar Head of Iraqi Institution for Development</p>
<p>Jordan Live Stream Moderator: Mr. Khalil Radwan- Jordanian Coalition for Education</p>		
<p>3:10- 3:30 pm SAST</p>	<p>Debts Impact on Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Reality of Debts on Jordan - Debts impacts on education - How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Jordan? 	<p>Mr. Ahmad Awad Director of Phoenix Center for Economics & Informatics Studies- Jordan</p>
<p>Egypt Live Stream Moderator: Mr. Mohammed Jad-Egyptian Coalition for Education</p>		
<p>3:30- 3:50 pm SAST</p>	<p>Debts Impact on Egypt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Reality of Debts on Egypt - Debts impacts on education - How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Jordan? 	<p>Mr. Abd Al Nassir Qandil Researcher and Expert in Parliamentarian Affairs- Egypt</p> <p>Mr. Mahmoud Mortada Head of Alternative Development Institution and member of the Advisory Committee of the Egyptian Coalition for Education</p>

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Tunisia Live Stream Moderator: Lassad Al Yakoubi - Tunisian Coalition for Education		
3:50- 4:10 pm SAST	Debts Impact on Tunisia - The Reality of Debts on Tunisia - Debts impacts on education - How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Tunisia?	Mr. Fathi Al Abbasi University Lecturer-Tunisia
Morocco Live Stream Moderator: Hamoudeh Subhi		
4:10- 4:30 pm SAST	Debts Impact on Morocco - The Reality of Debts on Morocco - Debts impacts on education - How could this regional campaign contribute to end the debts crisis in Morocco?	Mr. Nour Al deen Azraq Researcher in managing public financial systems and member of the Scientific Committee of Researchers Forum at the Ministry of Economy and Finance- Morocco
4:30 pm SAST	Closing Remarks	