



Invitation to the Swiss launch of the Global Education Monitoring Report 2016

“Education for people and planet: Creating sustainable futures for all”

29 September 2016

13:30 – 18:00, Turnhalle, Bern

The GEM Report 2016

The Global Education Monitoring Report monitors progress in education within the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework. Entitled ‘**Education for people and planet: Creating sustainable futures for all**’, the first GEM Report focuses on the transversality of education in the SDGs and beyond.

The education related goal (SDG4) commits ‘to providing inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels – early childhood, primary, secondary, tertiary, technical and vocational training’ and underlines that all people ‘should have access to lifelong learning opportunities’. In this holistic view, education is considered as a great leverage for sustainable development, contributing to the realisation of the entire 2030 Agenda. On the other hand, the lack of sustainable development – in its economic, social and environmental dimensions – has negative impacts on education.

Objectives of the Swiss launch

A panel of experts will discuss the main conclusions and recommendations of the GEM Report 2016. Based on their experience, they will share insights on how education can contribute to sustainable development and what role sustainable development plays in education policy and planning. In-depth discussions between the panellists and with the audience will allow to highlight the opportunities and challenges posed by the new agenda for education.

Programme

- 13:30 Registration and coffee
- 14:00 Official opening by **Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, Deputy Director, Head of South Cooperation Department, SDC
- 14:15 Presentation of the GEM Report 2016 by **Mr Aaron Benavot**, Director of the GEM Report
- 15:00 Reactions and panel discussion with:
 - **Ms Koumba Boly**, Special Rapporteur for the right to education
 - **Ms Elaine Geyer-Allély**, Manager, Policy and Sustainable Development, WWF International
 - **Mr Morten Sigsgaard**, Technical Cooperation Team, UNESCO International Institute for Education Planning IIEP
 - **Education21 (tbc)**

*Moderation by **Mr Abdeljalil Akkari**, Swiss UNESCO Commission*
- 16:30 Conclusion and way forward by civil society (**RECI** and **FoBBIZ**)
- 17:00 Cocktail

Practical information

- **Venue:** PROGR Aula, Turnhalle Bern (+41 31 318 82 74) [>> how to get there](#)
- **Target audience:** The event is open to the public and is aimed at anyone interested in education, sustainable development and international cooperation.
- **Language:** English
- **Registration:** Please register [here](#) by September 15th. For any additional information, you can contact reseau.education@eda.admin.ch