

## **Joining Forces to promote South-South and triangular cooperation to accelerate progress towards SDG4**

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to announce the partnership between UNESCO and UNICEF in support of **South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC)<sup>[1]</sup> as a means of achieving SDG4**—to “ensure inclusivity and quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”—within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As part of this partnership, we are working together in collaboration with the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) to identify and document innovative SSTC solutions that could be scaled up to get education back on track to achieve SDG 4. We will compile these in a publication as an important contribution to the UN Secretary-General’s Transforming Education Summit (TES) that will be held in September 2022 at the UNGA, organized by the TES Secretariat hosted by UNESCO.

We would therefore like to invite you to submit your SSTC solutions using the attached form.

In line with the Action Tracks of the TES, please focus on how the SSTC solutions are addressing the critical aspects of the education system that require greater attention: inclusive, equitable safe and healthy schools; learning and skills for life; teachers and the teaching profession; digital learning and transformation; and education financing.

In the spirit of South-South Cooperation principles, please highlight in the submission the roles of governments and local partners including the private sector if relevant, and indicate how SSTC is being delivered, i.e. sharing of knowledge, skills, technical cooperation, funding, training, enhanced regional integration and cooperation. Kindly include the names of contacts persons for the solution, including from the government.

Considering the timeline for production, it would be helpful if you could kindly send in your SSTC solution to Clare Stark ([c.stark@unesco.org](mailto:c.stark@unesco.org)) and Martha Santos ([msantos@unicef.org](mailto:msantos@unicef.org)) by 01/07/2022 cob along with one or two high resolution photos. Please be sure to include a photo caption and copyright for the photos.

  
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<sup>[1]</sup> Framework of operational guidelines on United Nations support to South-South and triangular cooperation, March 2016