



Programme for  
**Alliance2015 Dialogue Round Table on Education**  
 Enhancing EU Impact on Education for Global Sustainable Development

**Copenhagen, 31 March 2014.**

Venue: Danish Architecture Centre, Strandgade 27B, 1401 Copenhagen K, Denmark

As the deadline for the Education for All (EFA) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is fast approaching, focus is shifting to the post-2015 development agenda. Governments and the wider international community are working to define what the development framework should include and prioritize. Education is an important part of this debate.

Remarkable progress has been made with regard to the education goals of the MDGs. The number of 'out of school' children has been reduced and gender parity in education has increased. However, millions of children are still missing out on school, many children are learning too little or nothing at all, and education financing is on the decline. Between 2009 and 2011 total foreign aid fell with 14% and it is declining faster than for any other sector. Realizing that the dual challenge of improving quality and expanding access to education has not been made, the EU, being the biggest single donor to education, in 2013 launched a move from purely the quantitative education goals of the MDGs towards the promotion of quality education for all and increased investments in education.

Against this back drop, ahead of the next GPE replenishment event, which will be hosted by the EU in Brussels in June 2014 and the UN MDG Summit in September 2014 where the intergovernmental negotiations for the post-2015 development agenda start, this roundtable will provide an opportunity for policy experts from across the EU, practitioners and partners from our Alliance2015 countries to engage in dialogue and joint thinking on how to up-scale the impact of the EU on education in partner countries across the globe.

#### **Behind the Round Table**

Alliance2015 is a partnership of eight European NGOs which was founded in 2000 with a shared commitment to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Its members - Concern Worldwide (Ireland), Welthungerhilfe (Germany), IBIS (Denmark), Cesvi (Italy), Hivos (Netherlands), People In Need (Czech Republic) Acted (France) and Helvetas (Swiss) - work together across 78 developing countries, sharing skills, resources and learning in order to be more effective on the ground. Over the last 10 years, Alliance2015 has also advocated for a stronger European commitment to the MDGs and to Aid Effectiveness.

In January 2013, with the support of the EC, this partnership launched a new advocacy initiative to strengthen dialogue on Europe's role and responsibilities in the fight against hunger and undernutrition up to and beyond 2015.

The Dialogue Round Table on Education is part of the larger 3 Year Advocacy Initiative and an important step in facilitating the dialogue between platforms of organisations active in education and development outside the EU and strengthening these platforms /networks and their interactions with EU institutions.

The Dialogue Round Table on Education is funded by the EU.

The Danish Education Network, consisting of 27 Danish Civil Society Organizations working with education in developing Countries, has contributed to the Round Table with support to speakers from developing Countries.





## Audience

- Policy makers from the EC, Alliance2015 and other EU member states;
- Practitioners from Alliance2015 program countries; NGOs from Alliance2015 home countries and;
- Academics in the relevant areas.

The Round Table discussions will be conducted in English.

## Objectives

1. To assess the strengths and weaknesses of the policy framework for education being advanced by the EU across the developing world and its effectiveness in driving quality education and improved learning outcomes for all.
2. To identify effective approaches and key priorities which could be implemented or supported in order to reverse the declining investment in education ensuring that foreign aid investments support locally decided strategies and local successes, whilst enhancing democratic ownership and accountability.
3. To examine the role of the EU in strengthening governance through its support for participation of civil society in the design, implementation and monitoring of education policies and plans.
4. To strengthen consensus and joint action on a progressive, human rights-based and ambitious agenda for education in the Post-2015 development



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## Programme

08:30 – 09:00

Registration and coffee

### Opening and Setting the Scene

09:00 – 09:10

#### Welcome session

- **Lars Koch**, Alliance2015/Director Policy and Campaigns, IBIS
- Moderator of the Day: **Steen Nørskov**, DR News

09:10 – 09:30

#### The Post-2015 Education Agenda in a Human Rights Perspective

- Key Note Presenter: **Kishore Singh**, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education

09:30 – 09:40

#### Engagement of Civil Society in the Struggle for Right to Quality Education

- **Camilla Croso**, President of the Global Campaign for Education and the general coordinator of the Latin-American Campaign for the Right to Education

09:40 – 10:05

#### Highlights from new Alliance2015 study: Enhancing EU impact on education

- **Lars Engberg-Pedersen**, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies

10:05 – 10:35

#### Debate 1 moderated by **Steen Nørskov**: **Kishore Singh, Camilla Croso, Lars Engberg-Pedersen**

10:35 – 10:40

#### Towards Alliance2015 Key Action Points

- **Helle Gudmandsen**, Alliance2015/Head of Education Campaign, IBIS

10:40 – 11:00

#### Round Table Dialogues: What are the emerging Key Action Points?

11:00 – 11:15

Break

### THEME 1: Building better and more equitable education systems together

11:15 – 11:35

#### Quality and Learning Outcomes in the Context of Sierra Leone

- **Michelle Wilson**, Assistant Country Director of Programmes, CONCERN Sierra Leone/Alliance2015

- What are the key drivers of improved quality education and learning outcomes?
  - How do we measure results?

11:35 – 12:10

#### Debate 2 moderated by **Steen Nørskov, DR News**:

- **Sara Ruto**, Regional Education Director, UWEZO
- **Umaru Alusine Bah**, District Education Officer/ Dep. Director of Schools, Tonkolili District, Sierra Leone
- **Arne Carlsen**, Director of UNESCO, Institute of Lifelong Learning

12:10 – 12:35

#### Debate 3 moderated by **Steen Nørskov, DR News**:

- **Freda Wolfenden**, Senior Lecturer in Education and Development, The Open University
- **Dennis Sinyolo**, Senior Coordinator in Education International, Education and Employment Unit

12:35 – 13:00

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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
<b>THEME 2: Enhancing investments in quality education for all and good governance</b>	
14:00 – 14:20	<b>Alternatives to financing education using taxation in Sub-Saharan Africa</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Zakaria Sulemana</b>, Education Director. IBIS Sierra Leone/Alliance2015</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we mobilise domestic and foreign aid resources to close the financing gap in education? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the roles of the EU, national governments and civil society?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
14:20 – 15:00	<b>Debate 4</b> moderated by <b>Steen Nørskov</b> , DR News: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marja Karjalainen</b>, Deputy Head of “Education, Health, Research, Culture” EC/ EuropeAid</li> <li>• <b>Paula Nolan</b>, Irish Aid representing Ireland on the GPE</li> <li>• <b>Lars Koch</b>, Alliance2015/ Director Policy and Campaigns, IBIS</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:25	<b>Round Table Dialogues:</b> What are the emerging Key Action Points?
15:25 – 15:45	Break
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to ensure sustainable and well-governed education systems?</li> <li>• What are the roles of the EU, national governments and civil society?</li> </ul>
15:45 – 15:55	<b>A Vision of Matching Rhetoric with Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video Address by <b>Irina Bokova</b>, Director-General of UNESCO</li> </ul>
15:55 – 16:30	<b>Debate 5</b> moderated by <b>Steen Nørskov</b> , DR News: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Umaru Alusine Bah</b>, District Education Officer/ Dep. Director of Schools, Tonkolili District, Sierra Leone</li> <li>• <b>Limbani Nsapato</b>, Africa Network Campaign on Education for All (ANCEFA)</li> <li>• <b>Camilla Croso</b>, President of the Global Campaign for Education and the general coordinator of the Latin-American Campaign for the Right to Education</li> </ul>
<b>Closing session</b>	
16:30 – 16:50	<b>Alliance2015: Key Action Points revisited</b>
16:50 – 17:00	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lars Koch</b>, Alliance2015/ Director Policy and Campaigns, IBIS</li> </ul>