

Dear Ambassador,

Please allow me to contact you in follow up to the message below, concerning an international conference organized by UNESCO on the prevention of violent extremism through education, which will take place in New Delhi on 19 and 20 September.

We would like to invite the Minister of Education of Indonesia to participate in this conference, in a round-table with some of his counterparts. Please find attached a concept note of the conference and a tentative schedule. The interactive exchange between the Ministers would take place on 19 September in the morning.

An official invitation will follow shortly. In the meantime, I am at your disposal for any question you may have.

Sincerely,  
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## Save the date

### UNESCO International Conference

### Preventing Violent Extremism through Education: Taking Action

19 to 20 September 2016, New Delhi, India

**Co-organized by UNESCO and the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for  
Peace and Sustainable Development**

UNESCO and the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (UNESCO MGIEP) are organizing an **“International Conference on**

**the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education: Taking Action”** from 19 to 20 September 2016 in New Delhi, India.

The International Conference will bring together senior education policy makers from around the world and experts in the field to build a common understanding and vision of the required educational interventions and approaches needed to ensure that education systems contribute appropriately and effectively to the prevention of violent extremism.

The event will also provide the opportunity to present preliminary elements of “UNESCO’s Guide for Policy-Makers on the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education” and discuss its implementation.

The International Conference will be held at Peacock Convention Centre, Hotel Novotel New Delhi Aerocity, New Delhi, India.

For more information on the event:

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME (as of 6 June 2016)**

Day 1 – Plenary Sessions

9:30	<u>Opening session</u>	1h00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Screening of a short introductory film</li><li>• Opening of the conference by Qian Tang, Assistant Director-General of Education, UNESCO</li><li>• Congratulatory remarks:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Representative of the Government of India (tbc)</li><li>○ UN Resident Coordinator</li></ul></li><li>• Setting the stage: key questions for PVE-E</li></ul>	
10:30	Coffee break	30mn
11:00	<u>Plenary session 1</u> What can education achieve against violent extremism? Panel discussion with Ministers of Education followed by questions and answers	1h30
12:30	Lunch	1h30
14:00	<u>Plenary session 2: Youth town hall meeting - TAGe</u>	1h30
15h30	Coffee break	30mn
16:00	<u>Plenary session 3</u> The education sector's interactions with the broader society: how to improve community outreach and work towards a common goal? Panel discussion with experts and practitioners, followed by a discussion with the floor	1h30
19:00	Cocktail reception	

## Day 2 - Concurrent Sessions

(Concurrent sessions will consist of short presentations focusing on implementation approaches and concrete examples to be followed by interactive discussions.)

9:30	<u>Concurrent session 1</u>	1h30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paths to radicalization and drivers of violent extremism</li><li>• Soft Competencies and Pedagogies through Rational Inquiry and Critical Thinking</li><li>• Teachers</li></ul>	
11:00	Coffee break	30mn
11:30	<u>Concurrent session 2:</u>	1h30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Citizenship Education and PVE-E</li><li>• Religious education</li><li>• Curricula</li></ul>	
13:00	Lunch	1h30
14:30	<u>Concurrent session 3:</u>	1h30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-formal education approaches</li><li>• PVE-E in emergency and post-conflict contexts</li><li>• Digital citizenship education</li></ul>	
16:00	Coffee break	30mn
16:30	<u>Plenary session:</u> key recommendations	15mn

*Concept Note*

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**1. Background**

UNESCO is convening the *International Conference on the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education: Taking Action* further to the adoption of UNESCO 197 EX/Decision 46 (October 2015) on “UNESCO’s role in preventing violent extremism through education” and in line with the UN Secretary-General’s Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism (A/70/674 – December 2015) and the Paris Declaration on “Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education” (March 2015).

UNESCO’s work in this area is being undertaken within the framework of its ongoing efforts to promote Global Citizenship Education (GCED) and support country implementation of Target 4.7 of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 on Education.

**2. Goal**

The International Conference seeks to build a common understanding, among senior education policy makers from around the world, about the educational interventions and approaches that are needed to ensure that education systems contribute appropriately and effectively to the prevention of violent extremism.

**3. Objectives**

The specific objectives of the International Conference are the following:

- To launch the UNESCO Guides for Policy-Makers and for Teachers on the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education (PVE-E) in order to raise awareness, identify appropriate actions and enable capacity building for PVE-E
- To network education stakeholders in order to facilitate global learning and research as well as effective implementation of country commitments
- To facilitate PVE-E as a key activity within the UNESCO MGIEP YESPeace (Youth for Education on Sustainability and Peace) network

**4. Date and location**

The International Conference will take place on 19-20 September 2016 at the Peacock Convention Centre, Hotel Novotel New Delhi Aerocity, New Delhi, India.

**5. Format**

The International Conference will convene over two days in interactive plenary sessions and working groups in order to provide participants with the opportunity to dialogue, exchange good practices and establish contacts. UNESCO MGIEP will organize an International TAGe (Talking across Generations on Education) event expanding the town hall discussion between distinguished experts and initiated youth with sophisticated social media campaigns and leading-edge ICT tools to facilitate insightful discussions and agreements.

**6. Participants**

Participants will mainly be senior education officials responsible for, or engaged in, PVE-E related work. Experts, representatives of CSOs and IGOs, as well as youth, will also be participating and contributing to the International

Conference. Between 200 and 250 participants are expected to attend, from all regions of the world. 15-20 Ministers of Education are expected to attend.

### **7. Expected outputs and Follow-up**

The International Conference is expected to generate the following outputs and follow up measures:

- Key policy recommendations on PVE-E identified
- Country-level activities in PVE-E mobilized and capacity building needs identified
- Networking on PVE-E implementation and research facilitated

### **8. Partners**

The Conference is co-organized by UNESCO Headquarters and the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development.

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