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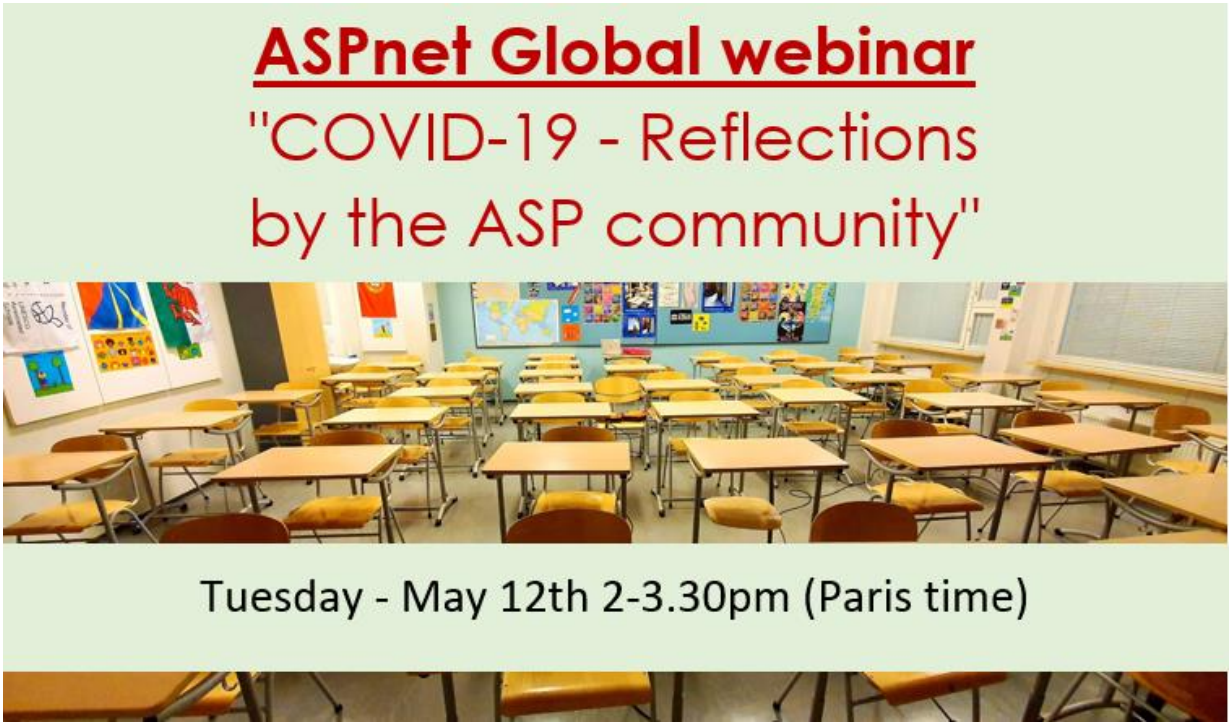
Dear National Coordinators,
Dear Teachers and Students,



It is now the time to give space for your voices on the centre stage. Your contributions and messages have been received with great appreciation and shared through various UNESCO channels, featuring the #LearningNeverStops Campaign as Covid-19 response on the UNESCO site, which spread across UNESCO and the global learning community. From this ongoing experience since the lockdown, we the ASPnet team feel more than ever the importance of engaging ourselves to hear the voices on the real ground of our community; what the teaching and learning challenges and solutions look like, and to connect such voices to another in the spirit of sharing compassion and solidarity.

For this reason we are dedicating this issue to show you in depth of the global ASPnet webinar that we are organizing to take lace on May 12, which will address questions on lessons learnt on the remote learning, learning out of school, how to reimagine going back to school and what the future of education could look like from your perspectives. We will have students, teachers and parents from the ASPnet members as speakers, and our discussions will be joined by experts from UNESCO's International Institute for Information Techologies in Education (IITE) as well as from the section on Futures of Education.

The webinar is jointly organized with IITE. The outcome will contribute not only to the ASPnet community, but also to the UNESCO's education response as well as to the global learning community with your valuable experiences, initiatives, strategies and ideas.

Your will find in this issue a good overview of the webinar with links to further information and documents, as well as to the registration form. As we can only accommodate up to 500 participats, we urge you to register today. Please join us to connect live with all our members for the first in the history of ASPnet.

The ASPnet team looks forward to 'seeing' you on 12 May!

Stay safe. Stay CONNECTed!
Julie Saito, ASPnet International Coordinator

Global Webinar "COVID-19: Reflections by the ASP community"

Jointly organized by ASPnet and the Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)

At no time in history has education been disrupted at such a large and global scale. More than 90% of world's students have been or are still under lock down, trying to continue teaching and learning remotely, oftentimes with the help of parents. Within the ASPnet, currently 95% of schools are closed.

As some countries are preparing for or moving from confinement to de-confinement and back to the new "normal", many of us question: How effective has the experience of remote learning been? What opportunities and challenges does it bear? How has it shaped and possibly changed the learning community and relationships between students – teachers – parents? And how do we reimagine the organization of our schools and learning environments following this crisis?

While it is early to draw lessons from the situation, the UNESCO ASPnet International Coordination team would like to invite all its members – National Coordinators, teachers, students and their parents – to come together as a global community, to share and explore observations, feelings and initial lessons learned on

1. The experience of remote learning, and
2. Reimagining the future of education based on this experience

The main language used during the webinar will be English (since no reliable means for simultaneous translation is available). Questions and comments via chat can be shared in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Technical guidance will be shared with registered participants ahead of the webinar.

Education experts and policy makers will also join the discussion to listen and possibly provide perspectives and comments to further enrich the discussions.

Programme	Register here

Featuring: Global Webinar Speakers

Voices of the ASPnet community – students, teachers and parents

Theme #1: Experiences of teaching and learning during lockdown

Ms Nanda Vania Qurratu Aini
Student, 17 years ol
SMA Negeri 3
Depok
Indonesia

Ms Nevenka Fadin, student, 14 years old, Escuela Secundaria N° 4-032, Uspallta, Argentina

Ms Ganchimeg Jamba, English Teacher, School №31, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Ms Ghinwa Maassarani, mother of two children, Tripoli, Lebanon

Theme #2: Going back to school, reimaging the futures of education

Ms Aisha Bunu, Student, 14 years old, Raberto Schools, Abuja, Nigeria

Mr Jean-Marc SEPTSAULT, Father of two daughters and Technology Teacher, Collège Michel Chasles, Epernon, France

Ms Anne-Fleur Lurvink, English Teacher, Lyceum Kralingen, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Ms Aseel Jasim, Parent, Baghdad, Iraq

Ms Si Gao, Teacher, the Experimental High School Attached to Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China

Richard Iyaya
Teacher, Kenya

See their biographies here

Contributing and supporting experts

Contributions from our ASPnet community members will be supported by eduction experts:

Ms Vibeke Jensen, Director of the Division for Peace and Sustainable Development at UNESCO	**Xiaoxia Zhou,** Director of the International Center for UNESCO ASPnet (ICUA)
Mr Tigran Yepoyan, Chief of Unit, ICT in Health Education, IITE, who will provide his observations on Session 1	**Mr Sobhi Tawil**, Chief, Education Research and Foresight, UNESCO, who will provide his observations on Session 2
Mr Tao Zhan, Director, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE), who will be delivering the closing remarks.	**Ms Julie Saito**, Chief of the UNESCO ASPnet International Coordination, is in charge of moderation and overall coordination

See the experts' biographies here

Related current UNESCO activities

UNESCO's Futures of Education initiative is catalyzing a global debate on knowledge and learning. This animated **video** is the first of a series. Each episode will explore a single, important issue and invite users to offer their comments and ideas. The video is available in all six UN languages.

The **UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)** is a UNESCO Institute with a global mandate for ICT in education. It promotes the innovative use of ICT and serving as facilitator and enabler for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) through ICT-enabled solutions and best practices**.** See its website for COVID-19 and ICT related activities, as well as further information on the institute here

UNESCO's **COVID-19 Educational Disruption and Response** is UNESCO's web site featuring continuously updated information of UNESCO's activities in various areas, including UNESCO's support to member states, information on the Global Education Coalition, National platforms, distance learning solutions and much more. For more information see here.

Messages of Solidarity

We would like to share some messages of solidarity from students, teachers and national coordinators during this pandemic. Please click on the link below to watch and read inspiring messages of solidarity!

Namibia - *Nuuwa Lisa, student*

Kuwait - Aicha, school coordinator

Indonesia - Nanda, high school student

Greece - Kefalliou, teacher

Argentina - Agustina, student

Bangladesh - Dilruba, parent

Teaching students about COVIE-19 through art education: Neeru Vachalam, Art teacher

View these and many more testimonies on #LearningNeverStops

We encourage you to send us your messages of solidarity in words, pictures, videos and art works.
Your experiences and innovative ways to learn, out of schools and within your families, can contribute to build and strengthen our network.

Please send to aspnetinaction@unesco.org and attach the consent form.

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