



What kind of sustainable education for our common future?



On 25th September, the member states of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development also called the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which took over from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on 1st January 2016 and will last till 2030.

The goals are set for 15 years of investment in education at global level. What is not set are the policies and means to achieve the goals of SDG 4. Should education mostly focus on increasing a country's productivity and economic growth and increase a country's competitiveness making school and university leavers more fit

for the labour market? Should education be considered a private or public good made available free of charge or be based on fee-paying tuition? If so, what would be the consequences in regard to non-market educational goals such as conveying a sense of ethics, citizenship, human rights and democratic principles?

These important questions will be debated by speakers with many years of professional experience in the educational field in developed and developing countries, by theoreticians and educators, development experts and policy analysts.

The Library Talk will also be an opportunity to present a new book titled "NÉOLIBÉRALISME ET ÉDUCATION" by Jean Luis Chancerel and Sacha Varin (2015), publications by NORRAG (Network for International Policies and Cooperation in Education and Training) and an overview of The Swiss Development Cooperation's new strategy regarding cooperation in education for African Least Developed Countries.

Wednesday 15 June 2016
1 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.

Followed by a reception

Library Events Room (B-135)
Palais des Nations, Building B, 1st Floor

Welcome Remarks:

Francesco Pisano, Chief, UNOG Library

Introductory Remarks:

Raymond Saner, Organiser, CSEND

Moderator:

Valérie Liechti, Ph.D., Education Policy Advisor, SDC, Berne

Speakers:

Gilles Carbonnier, Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Michel Carton, Professor, former Deputy Director, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Bernard Hugonnier, Ph.D., former deputy director of the OECD Education Directorate, Paris

Joost Monks, Ph.D., Managing Director, NORRAG, Geneva

Sacha Varin; Ph.D., Educator and author, Lausanne

Lichia Yiu, Ed.D., President, CSEND, Geneva

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