CONCEPT NOTE

Development of Peace Education in the Digital Age for Global Partnership and the Empowerment of All Women and Girls: The Case of Peace Education

March 10th 2023 | 16:45 - 18:00 (EST) | CRB
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1. Introduction

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has led the world to strive for the development of IT and for a new culture centered online. Education for the promotion of human rights, gender equality, peace, and a non-violent culture, and acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary for all learners to promote sustainable development are part of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), specifically Goal 4, and one of the 12 major areas of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA).

This is important in promoting peace, social justice, human rights, democracy, and cultural diversity, and in creating an environment that enables proper dialogue and understanding between individuals and political parties. Specifically, peace education, which corresponds to SDG 4, is a powerful tool to provide knowledge of these issues and the steps necessary to achieve peace, and the role of women in this process.

Peace education differs from other education in that it aims to empower women to play an active role in all processes. Men and women are affected by conflict in different ways, so participation by both is essential to achieving sustainable peace and security. Empowering women is essential to ensuring equal representation at all stages of peacekeeping and peacebuilding, while at the same time ensuring the basic human rights of all people regardless of gender.

2. Background and Purpose

Women's empowerment is a common goal of governments as well as civil society organizations and international agencies. Actions in favor of women's empowerment have borne fruit and the growing evolution of women's empowerment has fostered peace and social progress, whether economic or environmental, in societies that practice it. Education, specifically peace education, is one of the keys to achieving sustainable development and building a peaceful society without war and violence.

Peace education needs to first address specific issues in each respective country to help women realize the active role they can play. To this end, various aspects suitable for each country were implemented in the peace education process. Education on the status of peace, human rights, and gender equality in each country and education on the importance of international law are conducted together. Women who have completed both educational courses become more aware of the role they can play to ensure peace is achieved and, more importantly, sustained.

As it is important to strengthen women's capabilities through education that creates change, the event will serve as a venue for dialogue between countries on how peace education can be conducted and implemented. By sharing different perspectives with one other, peace education can be strengthened and improved to encompass each country's issues. Through peace education, women will not only become leaders in the community, but also play an important role in promoting peace around the world.

3. Objectives and Expected Results
The meeting will discuss the progress of peace education and tasks through strategic action plans for each country. There will be sharing of best practices for improving women's and girls' human rights and achieving gender equality in the digital era. In addition, the meeting will emphasize the feasibility of expanding women's participation in all areas for peacebuilding and ensuring women's human rights and will present best practices related to peaceful dispute resolution at the national, regional, and local levels. This meeting will focus on the following:
- Sharing best practices for implementing BPFA on strengthening education in the digital age for innovation, technological change, and achievement of gender equality through national strategic action plans.
- Sharing a fruitful strategy and approach to strengthening women's role in conflict resolution and peacebuilding and important parts that require more effort.
- Achievements in creating dialogue, building alliances, and strengthening partnerships to promote fair representation of women in all decision-making processes.

4. Overview & Program

Time	Min.	Order	
17:00 – 17:05	5	Video	
17:05 – 17:08	3	Opening	Emcee
17:08 - 17:15	7	Speech 1	**H.E. Nasseneba Toure** Minister of Women, Family and Children of Côte d'Ivoire
17:15 – 17:22	7	Speech 2	**H.E. Aawatif Hayar** Minister of Solidarity, Social Integration and Family of the Kingdom of Morocco
17:22 – 17:29	7	Speech 3	**H.E. Imelde Sabushimike** Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender of Burundi
17:29 – 17:44	15	QnA	
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17:47 – 17:50	3	Closing	Emcee