



Side event at the High-Level Political Forum 2020
**GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION – RESPONSE TO
GLOBAL CRISES**

14 July 2020, 8 am – 9 am NY time

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In times of crisis, we often turn to education and learning for the answers. Lifelong learning has certainly played a key role in supporting Sustainable Development Goal 3 during the global pandemic, ensuring the health and well-being of citizens by providing the knowledge, information and skills needed to cope with the new challenges.

Quality education and lifelong learning have the potential to tackle broader global issues and offer sustainable and inclusive solutions, through Global Citizenship Education (GCE). Included in Target 4.7 of Agenda 2030, GCE is a lifelong learning process, which emphasizes critical thinking, political engagement and civic action.

Through the lens of GCE, we can identify further educational priorities related to global challenges. From the importance of respecting human rights and democratic principles during the pandemic, to the way we participate in democratic societies and decision making, GCE has a valuable role to play in how we respond to global crises.

This side event will discuss the ways in which GCE can be used to share information and raise awareness on the global issues of sustainable development, anthropogenic climate change and environmental degradation, which has the potential to cause or encourage the spread of new diseases.

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