



The Transforming Global Education Summit

May 1, 2026 | 10:00am - 6:00pm

About The Education Summit and PVBLIC Foundation

Convened under the theme “**Redefining Education as Global Infrastructure**”, the Summit is designed as a high-level working platform to reposition education as a core pillar of national resilience, economic development, and sovereign capacity. Rather than treating education as a standalone service, the Summit advances a systems-based approach that integrates policy, technology transfer, capital alignment, and multilateral cooperation.

The Summit treats education as sovereign infrastructure, advancing structured technology transfer models that enable countries to deploy interoperable, public-good national education systems while retaining full sovereignty over data, curriculum, and governance.

The Summit will bring together government leaders, ministers, multilateral leaders, technologists, educators, private sector innovators, and youth leaders to move from dialogue to design. Participants will contribute to shaping actionable frameworks that modernize national learning systems, close capacity gaps, and prepare societies for the demands of the next generation.

The Transforming Global Education Summit is organized by PVBLIC Foundation and the Learning Economy Foundation, in collaboration with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga.

Agenda

10:00 AM

Welcome Remarks

Kerry Bannigan, President of the Board, PVBLIC Foundation
Including remarks by Sergio Fernández de Cordova, Executive Chairman, PVBLIC Foundation

10:05 AM

Special Remarks

Honourable Dr. Mo'ale 'Otunuku, Minister of Education and Training, Kingdom of Tonga

10:10 AM

Special Remarks

Clare L. Browne, Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries, Antigua and Barbuda

10:15 AM

Opening Remarks

Maher Nasser, Director of the Outreach Division, United Nations
Department of Global Communications

10:20 AM

The Education Reality: A Fragmented Global System

Moderator: John Goodwin, Former CEO, LEGO Foundation, Strategy at
Learning Economy Foundation

- Honourable Dr. Bernard M. Doro, Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction, Federal Government of Nigeria
- Isikeli Ngalu Oko, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Education and Training, The Kingdom of Tonga
- Jayashri Wyatt, Chief, Human Rights Section, Outreach Division, Department of Global Communications, United Nations

10:40 AM

Special Remarks

Amir Dossal, President & CEO, Global Partnerships Forum and Founder
and Curator, Vision for the Future

10:48 AM

Reframing Education as Infrastructure

Moderator: Dr. Steven Azeka, Senior Program Officer, Mozilla
Foundation

- Diana Krogh, Vice President, Social Responsibility, The LEGO Group
- Melanie Dukes, Partner, Network Building, LearnerStudio
- Simone Ravaioli, Senior Director, Global Learning Ecosystem, Instructure

11:16 AM

Case Study

Dr. Dan Brenner, Executive Director, United Nations International School
(UNIS)

11:31 AM

Focus on SIDS: Small Island Developing States

Moderator: Mr. Roland Mollerus, Director, UN OHRLLS

- Honourable Dr. Mo'ale 'Otunuku, Minister of Education and Training, Kingdom of Tonga
- Clare L. Browne, Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries, Antigua and Barbuda

- 11:54 AM** **Portable Learning Records: Building the Interoperable Layer for Lifelong Learning**
Moderator: Chris Purifoy, CEO, Learning Economy Foundation
- Kyle Winters, Initiatives and Communities Lead, Advanced Manufacturing and Value Chains, World Economic Forum
 - Kymberly Lavigne-Hinkley, National Philanthropic Partnership Director, Western Governors University
 - Dawn Karber, Executive Director, SkillsFWD, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors
- 12:22 PM** **Youth Commitment Moment**
Representatives of the UnitEd Youth Council, Scouts and Students
- 12:35 PM** **Scaling the Model: From Youth to National Development**
Moderator: Dr. Alison Bryant, Chief Operating Officer, Learning Economy Foundation; Former Chief of Learning & Research, Sesame Workshop
- Ruhana da Silva, Director, Digital Transformation, Information Technology, World Scouting
 - Michael Preston, Executive Director, Joan Ganz Cooney Center, Sesame Workshop
 - Janet Simon, Teacher, CARICOM Youth Ambassador, and Volunteer, Antigua and Barbuda
- 1:00 PM** Break
- 1:15 PM** **Leadership for the Future of National Education Systems**
Moderator: Dan Thomas, Chief Communications Officer, United Nations Global Compact
- Honourable Mr. Kenson Joel Casimir, Minister of Education, Youth Development, Sports and Digital Transformation, Saint Lucia
 - His Excellency Mr. Dionisio Babo Soares, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the United Nations
 - Marie Unger, Chief Learning Officer, Emergenetics, Intl.
 - Kevin Frey, CEO, Generation Unlimited, UNICEF

1:43 PM

Case Lab: Global Best Practices in Transformative Education

Moderator: Ashaki Goodwin, Director of Government Affairs, PVBLIC Foundation

- His Excellency Mr. Brian Wallace Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations
- Heew Kim, Team Leader and Senior Advisor, Impact & Efficiency, United Nations Joint SDG Fund
- Paul Skoczylas, Private Sector Partnership Service, World Food Programme

2:10 PM

Redefining Education Systems for the Future: Integrating Mental Health, Nutrition, and Holistic Youth Development as Global Priorities

Moderator: Dr. Jrucilla B. Samuel, Director, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Social and Urban Transformation

- Pia Nichols, President, National Youth Volunteer Corps; Former CARICOM Youth Ambassador, Antigua and Barbuda
- Janet Simon, Teacher, CARICOM Youth Ambassador, Volunteer, Antigua and Barbuda
- Chevaughn Burton, Assistant to the Focal Point, Safe Schools, Ministry of Education, Antigua and Barbuda

2:30 PM

Break

3:00 PM

National Education Systems in a Global Digital Ecosystem

Moderator: Dhruv Sehra, Founder and CEO, 256 Network

- Stuart Smith, CEO, NCUK
- Mohammed A. Al Thani, Qatari Business Leader, Investor, and Member of the Qatari Royal Family
- Archana Jahagirdar, Founder and Managing Partner, Rukam Capital

3:28 PM

UN Agencies, the Multilateral Communities and the Responsibility Towards Global Education

Moderator: Robert Skinner, Chief of Partnerships and Global Engagement, United Nations

- Anne-Claire Grossias, Associate Programme Officer, United



Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

- Nina Brandt, Chief of Section, Partnerships, Advocacy and Communications United Nations Youth Office
- Ola Goransson, Sustainable Development Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

3:56 PM

Building the Human Infrastructure for New Education Operating Systems

Moderator: Laurence Kalinsky, Executive Director, Family Offices for Sustainable Development, PVBLIC Foundation

- Pawan Varyani, Executive Director, Academic City University US Foundation (ACUF)
- Laura Bakosh, Ph.D., Co-Founder and CEO, Inner Explorer
- Jennifer Kushell, Founder and CEO, Exploring Your Potential
- Kumu Ramsay Taum, President, Privy Council, Royal House of Hawaii

4:19 PM

Education and the Most Vulnerable

Moderator: Kerry Bannigan, President of the Board, PVBLIC Foundation

- His Excellency Mr. Viliami Va'inga Tōnē, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations
- His Excellency Mr. Tapugao Falefou, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tuvalu to the United Nations
- Mr. Chaitanya Raj Singh Jaisalmer, Chairman and Board Member, Jaisalmer Fort Palace and Citta India Foundation

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Systems in Motion Beyond Classrooms: Hybrid Learning, Micro-Credentials, and AI Agents: Exploring AI's Impact on Education and Its Potential to Leapfrog Societies

Moderator: Chelsea Toler, Co-Founder, Logictry

- Dr. Dan Brenner, Executive Director, United Nations International School (UNIS)
- Dr. Mariana Dahan, Founder, World Identity Network
- Charlene Chelagat Ruto, Founder, The Young People's Network International

5:05 PM

Capital and Curriculum

Moderator: Amanda Slavin, Founder, The Future Frequency

- Pinar Ozcan, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford
- Gabi Leibowitz, Partnerships, ElevenLabs
- Beth Bray, Senior Program Officer, Walton Family Foundation

5:30 PM

Plenary Session: Statements by Ambassadors

5:50 PM

Closing remarks: From Summit to System: The Adoption Pathway

Chris Purifoy, CEO, Learning Economy Foundation

5:55 PM

Closing remarks

His Excellency Mr. Viliami Va'inga Tōnē, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations

6:00 PM

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Kerry Bannigan, President of the Board, PVBLIC Foundation