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“Living Together in Inclusive Societies: A Challenge and a Goal”

Breakout Session on “Global Citizen Education”

CONCEPT NOTE

Introduction: The Paradoxes of Globalization

1. The globalization of the economy and communications at the dawn of the new century generated an overwhelmingly optimistic vision of humanity's future.
2. Added to the positive feeling resulting from the end of the Cold War, this optimism led to the assumption that those left out of the system (economically, politically, ethically) would be gradually absorbed into this One Bright World.
3. However, there seems to be a consensus that the reality today is quite far from this idealized vision of living together. Our reality is increasingly marked by exclusion (economic, political, ethical), tension, conflict and fear.
4. The number of those who do not or cannot “buy into” the system is increasing dangerously around the world, in both developing and developed countries.
5. In this alarming context, how can we realistically achieve, through education in all its various forms, a common sense of belonging to a shared system?

6. In a divided world, what are the interests that we all share and that could serve as building blocks for a new global citizenship education?

Themes and Panelists

The breakout session will explore the following underlying themes:

1. The role of the United Nations (and particularly the institution of Secretary General) as an instrument of truth and justice:

-H.E. Dominique de Villepin, former French prime minister and former minister of foreign affairs.

2. Negotiating accommodation inside nations-the role of governments and civil society institutions:

-Prof. Jeffrey Haynes, professor of politics, London Metropolitan University

3. How can formal education prepare young citizens to live and work together to achieve a common future?

-Prof. Abdelmajid Charfi, president of the Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (Beitalhikma)

4. Digital communications as the new equalizer:

-Mr. Philippe Alfonsi, French journalist and television producer

5. Literature's role in the formation of inclusive communities:

- Mr. Antoine Gallimard, French publisher

Moderator: **Prof. Mustapha Tlili**, Senior Adviser to the High Representative for the UNAOC