

TEACHING

THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT ON THE

PROFESSION



March 16, 2011

Dear Participant:

Welcome to the International Summit on the Teaching Profession. On behalf of all the host organizations, we want to thank you for your active participation in this historic effort to improve the teaching profession by sharing promising practices from around the world. For the first time, education ministers and teachers' union leaders from countries and regions with high-performing and rapidly improving education systems have gathered together to talk about their approaches to building a highly effective teaching corps. All of us attending share the understanding that great teachers are a prerequisite to producing consistently high levels of achievement for every student.

During these two days, you will hear from one another about what has worked—and what has not—in your countries. You will have the opportunity to learn from others' successes and challenges and to build a community of colleagues with whom learning can continue long after the summit is over. We seek to engage in thoughtful yet frank conversations across four areas: Teacher Recruitment and Preparation; Development, Support, and Retention of Teachers; Teacher Evaluation and Compensation; and Teacher Engagement in Education Reform. A background paper, prepared by the OECD, describes and highlights practices from around the world in each of these areas. A summary paper prepared by the Asia Society will document for the public the insights shared and lessons learned at the summit.

As education experts and advocates, your work underscores the vital role that teachers play in building world-class education systems and preparing students for success in the knowledge economy. Your experiences, commitment, and ideas can help all nations and societies to recruit, prepare, and build a teaching profession that can ready all young people to be successful in the competitive global economy of the 21st century, achieve their potential as individuals, and act as responsible citizens in each of their communities. Working and learning together, each nation can improve faster than any one nation can on its own.

Sincerely,



Arne Duncan
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Fred van Leeuwen
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The International Summit
on the Teaching Profession

March 16–17, 2011



Wednesday, March 16th (American Museum of Natural History)

Facilitator: Tony Mackay

2:00 pm	Buses depart from Hilton New York
2:30 pm	Guests arrive at American Museum of Natural History
3:00 pm	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education Fred van Leeuwen, General Secretary of Education International Barbara Ischinger, Education Director of OECD</p> <p>Summit goals—purpose and outcomes; topics to be covered</p>
3:30 pm	<p>Framing the issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher recruitment and preparation • Development, support and retention of teachers • Teacher evaluation and compensation • Teacher engagement in education reform <p>Framer: Andreas Schleicher</p>
4:15 pm	<p>Teacher Recruitment and Preparation</p> <p>Discussion Starters: Finland and Hong Kong, SAR Roundtable discussion Q&A from attendees</p> <p>Rapporteur: Fernando Reimers</p>
6:15 pm	Reception
6:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Dinner
	Welcome from Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City
End of dinner	Buses depart for Hilton New York

Thursday, March 17th (Hilton New York)

Facilitator: Tony Mackay

7:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	<p>Development, Support and Retention of Teachers</p> <p>Discussion Starters: People's Republic of China and United Kingdom Roundtable discussion Q&A from attendees</p> <p>Rapporteur: Kai-ming Cheng</p>
10:00 am	<p>Teacher Evaluation and Compensation</p> <p>Discussion Starter: Singapore Roundtable discussion Q&A from attendees</p> <p>Rapporteur: Linda Darling-Hammond</p>
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	<p>Teacher Engagement in Education Reform</p> <p>Discussion Starters: Norway and United States Roundtable discussion Q&A from attendees</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ben Levin</p>
3:30 pm	Coffee Break
4:00 pm	<p>What Have We Learned?</p> <p>Andreas Schleicher and session rapporteurs</p>
5:30 pm	<p>Where Do We Go from Here?</p> <p>Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of OECD Susan Hopgood, President of Education International</p>
6:00 pm	Reception

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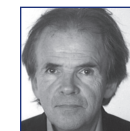


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The National Education Association (NEA) is the United States' largest professional employee organization, representing 3.2 million elementary and secondary teachers, higher education faculty, education support professionals, school administrators, retired educators and students preparing to become teachers. NEA was founded in 1857 and our mission is to advocate for education professionals and to unite our members and the nation to fulfill the promise of public education to prepare every student to succeed in a diverse and interdependent world. This summit will engage world leaders in discussions that put us on a course toward assuring every student a competent, caring, and qualified teacher. The profession of teaching is complex and the development of great teaching is systemic. NEA celebrates this first-of-a-kind opportunity to create a global community focused on great teaching. The heart of education is the daily engagement between teacher and student. We must educate our way to a better economy and give our students the tools they need to compete in the global marketplace. Every nation can learn from the best practices of others and be inspired by top-performers. The world's children will be the beneficiaries of the work done at this summit.

www.nea.org

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT), a union of 1.5 million members, believes that it takes hard work and meaningful collaboration with many partners to elevate the teaching profession. We have spent the better part of the past three years meeting as a union, traveling to see education systems in other countries, and consulting with education experts to create commonsense, sustainable solutions to instructional and teacher-quality issues. Our efforts have resulted in the introduction of new frameworks for everything from teacher evaluation to professional development and tenure, as well as serious planning on rolling out the Common Core State Standards.

The International Summit on the Teaching Profession is a unique additional opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with international colleagues in the effort to give all children the best education possible. This event will highlight best practices from nations that have had success, with a goal that they might be adapted or replicated for the benefit of all students and teachers. The summit will focus on the kind of inclusive and constructive dialog that must take place if we are to be successful in our efforts to bring high-quality instruction to every child's classroom.

www.aft.org

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education in the states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and five U.S. extra-state jurisdictions. CCSSO provides leadership, advocacy, and technical assistance on major educational issues. The Council seeks member consensus on major educational issues and expresses their views to civic and professional organizations, federal agencies, Congress, and the public.

CCSSO collaborates with states to develop systems for recruitment, induction, retention, accountability, and support of highly effective educators and educational leaders. The International Summit on the Teaching Profession will offer an unprecedented opportunity to have a dialogue with colleagues around the world about recruiting, preparing and supporting teachers to improve outcomes for students.

www.ccsso.org

Asia Society is the leading global and pan-Asian organization working to strengthen relationships and promote understanding among the people, leaders and institutions of the United States and Asia. The Society seeks to increase knowledge and enhance dialogue, encourage creative expression, and generate new ideas across the fields of arts and culture, policy and business, and education. The Asia Society Partnership for Global Learning develops youth to be globally competent citizens, workers, and leaders by equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed for success in an increasingly interconnected world.

Building on Asia Society's fifty years of experience in convening high-level networks from different sectors across Asia and the United States, *Learning With the World* is an initiative from the Asia Society Partnership for Global Learning meant to focus on international best practice and common issues of concern in education. It convenes the world's thought leaders in education to foster focused, generative communication among them, and to catalyze improvement of education systems through the sharing and adaptation of best practices. Key to this initiative is engagement in on-going communication to broaden this conversation to include interested individuals worldwide through reports and online features.

www.AsiaSociety.org/Education

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