



Education  
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**UNESCO International Conference on the  
Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education: Taking Action  
19 – 20 September 2016  
Peacock Convention Centre, Hotel Novotel New Delhi Aerocity  
New Delhi, India**

*Co-organized by UNESCO Headquarters and the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi  
Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development*

## Concept Note

### 1. Background

UNESCO is convening the *International Conference on the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education: Taking Action*, following the adoption of UNESCO's Executive Board decision on 'UNESCO's role in preventing violent extremism through education', taken at its 197<sup>th</sup> session in October 2015 (ref. 197 EX/Decision 46).

The Conference is also in line with the UN Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism (A/70/674 of 24 December 2015), the UN General Assembly's Resolution on the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review (A/70/L.55 of 1 July 2016), and the Paris Declaration on 'Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education' (March 2015).

UNESCO's work in this area is being undertaken within the framework of its ongoing efforts to promote Global Citizenship Education (GCED) and support country implementation of Target 4.7 of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 on Education.

### 2. Goal

The international Conference seeks to build a common understanding, among senior education policy makers from around the world, about the educational interventions and approaches that are needed to ensure that education systems contribute appropriately and effectively to the prevention of violent extremism.

### 3. Objectives

The specific objectives of the international Conference are the following:

- To launch the *UNESCO Guide for Teachers on the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE)* and present the preliminary recommendations of the UNESCO Guide for Policy Makers in order to raise awareness, identify appropriate actions and enable capacity building for preventing violent extremism through education (PVE-E).
- To network education stakeholders in order to facilitate global learning and research as well as effective implementation of country commitments.

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- To facilitate PVE-E as a key activity within the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (UNESCO MGIEP) YESPeace (Youth for Education on Sustainability and Peace) network.

#### **4. Date and location**

The international Conference will take place on 19-20 September 2016 at the Peacock Convention Centre, Hotel Novotel New Delhi Aerocity, New Delhi, India.

#### **5. Format**

The International Conference will convene over two days in interactive plenary sessions and working groups in order to provide participants with the opportunity to dialogue, exchange good practices and establish contacts.

UNESCO MGIEP will organize an International TAGe (Talking across Generations on Education) event expanding the town hall discussion between distinguished experts and initiated youth with sophisticated social media campaigns and leading-edge ICT tools to facilitate insightful discussions and agreements.

#### **6. Participants**

Participants will mainly be senior education officials responsible for, or engaged in, PVE-E related work. Experts, representatives of CSOs and IGOs, as well as youth, will also be participating and contributing to the International Conference. Between 100 and 150 participants are expected to attend, from all regions of the world. Ministers of Education are also expected to attend.

#### **7. Working languages**

The working languages of the Conference will be English and French. Interpretation will be provided from English into French and French into English for the duration of the Conference. Arabic interpretation will also be provided in plenaries and a select number of concurrent sessions. All basic documentation will be available in both English and French.

#### **8. Expected outputs and Follow-up**

The International Conference is expected to generate the following outputs and follow up measures:

- Identification of priority areas of action that will enrich the UNESCO Guide for Policy-Makers on PVE-E
- Country-level activities in PVE-E mobilized and capacity building needs identified
- Networking on PVE-E implementation and research facilitated

#### **9. Partners**

The Conference is co-organized by UNESCO Headquarters and the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, with the support of the Organisation internationale de la francophonie, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia provided by the Saudi Delegation to UNESCO, and the U.S. Department of State.

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