



Education systems transformation symposium: Collaborative work, local contexts, and false dichotomies

Friday, February 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave. N.W, Washington, D.C. 20036

From climate emergencies to the rise of fake news to public health crises, education systems must not only equip the next generation with the skills needed to read, write, and count, but to actively problem-solve and think creatively in today's rapidly changing world. To help reach Sustainable Development Goal 4, it is essential to transform education systems to meet the needs of today's learners and deliver a breadth of skills equitably to all children. As CUE celebrates its 20th anniversary, the center will launch its new 10-year strategy focusing on systems transformation for holistic education, locally defined priorities, and collaboration in bringing research to practice across education ecosystems.

The opening and closing sessions will be livestreamed for remote audiences, and the rest of the day will feature interactive in-person sessions and ample networking time as we work and learn together about transforming systems. Please see below as you navigate the day and select sessions, and use this QR code to learn more about our esteemed speakers.



SPEAKER BIOS

9:00 Welcome and opening plenary

a.m. In this opening session, participants will learn about CUE's past and present work and hear about ongoing efforts to create systems transformation in education.

Brahima Sangafowa Coulibaly

Vice President and Director, Global Economy and Development Program, Brookings Institution

Rebecca Winthrop

Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Folasade Adefisayo

Commissioner for Education
Lagos, State of Nigeria

Amanda Datnow

Professor and Chancellor's Associates Endowed Chair
in the Department of Education Studies, University of California, San Diego

Donald J. Peurach

Professor of Educational Policy, Leadership, and Innovation, University of Michigan

9:50 Systems transformation world café discussions

a.m. The world café activity intends to simulate an informal café setting where participants explore an issue, work on a project, or otherwise engage with one another in a relaxing environment.

10:30 Coffee break

- a.m.**
- **World Café Gallery Walk**
 - **Connections and Networking.** Meeting space available in KRESGE (2nd Floor)

11:00 **Concurrent Workshops**

a.m. *CUE and partners will lead interactive sessions focused on areas of ongoing research related to systems transformation*

Workshop 1 Costing for outcomes: Cost data in education and early childhood

STEIN CONFERENCE ROOM (2nd Floor)

Throughout the session, audience members will learn about the background of costing tools leading to the development of the Childhood Cost Calculator (C3) and actively engage in costing reflections.

Emily Gustafsson-Wright

Senior Fellow, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Carmen Strigel

Director, ICT for Education and Training, RTI International

Rosa Maria Moncada

KIX Honduras Project Coordinator, SUMMA

Wendy Smith

Director of Education Programs, Worldreader

Workshop 2 Transformative family, school, and community engagement: Building trust through intentional conversations

FALK AUDITORIUM

The Family, School, and Community Engagement team at Brookings will share global research on parent, teacher, and student beliefs on education, and barriers and opportunities for engagement spanning four continents.

Rebecca Winthrop

Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Emily Markovich Morris

Fellow, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Akilah Allen

Senior Project Manager, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Madhukar Banuri

Director & CEO, Leadership for Equity

Workshop 3 Gender-transformative education: Collective knowledge and power

SOMERS CONFERENCE ROOM

Through participatory methods that CUE has mobilized and developed in collaboration with partners across the Global South, participants will explore the intersections of gender and education with other social and economic systems.

Ellen Chigwanda

Country Office Gender Focal Point, CARE International, 2016 Echidna Global Scholar, Brookings

Edem Dorothy Ossai

2021 Echidna Global Scholar, Brookings Institution, Founder and Executive Director, MAYEIN

Amna Qayyum

Fellow, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Jennifer L. O'Donoghue

Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Atenea Rosado-Viurques

Senior Research Analyst, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Workshop 4 Millions Learning: The past, present, and future of scaling

SAUL CONFERENCE ROOM

This interactive workshop will delve into key questions about how to define scaling, the relationship between scaling and systems transformation, and what CUE teams are learning from two on-going action research projects to investigate how scaling innovations in education systems happens in real time.

Ghulam Omar Qargha

Fellow, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Jenny Perlman Robinson

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

12:30 Lunch

p.m.

Enjoy a boxed lunch and networking with colleagues. Some ideas:

- **Trivia** at tables in Falk Auditorium and Saul conference room
- **Play with blocks** at tables in Falk Auditorium and Saul conference room
- **Workshop share-out:** share your experience and learn from colleagues from our diverse workshop sessions

2:00 Concurrent Roundtables

p.m.

Moderator(s) will facilitate a discussion among attendees about critical research areas for CUE and the sector in a rapidly changing world

Roundtable 1 The future of AI and education: The metaverse, ChatGPT, and beyond

SOMERS CONFERENCE ROOM

Enter the future. Progress in the metaverse and in generative AI like ChatGPT, force us to ask how classrooms can bring experiential and thoughtful, intentional instruction to students to provide them with the skills they need for the workplace of tomorrow.

Kathy Hirsh-Pasek

Senior Fellow, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Simran Mulchandani

Founder, Project Rangeet

David Jarboe

Director of Instructional Technology & STEAM - Colorado Springs Harrison District 2 Schools

Roundtable 2 Transforming real-time data collection: Digital tools for education

FALK AUDITORIUM

This session will highlight the transformative role digital technologies can play in and out of the classroom.

Emily Gustafsson-Wright

Senior Fellow, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

Carmen Strigel

Director, ICT for Education and Training, RTI International

Roundtable 3 Climate-smart education: What does it look like and how to get there?

SAUL CONFERENCE ROOM

This session will explore systems-level entry points to urgently advance climate resilience and action in and through education.

Sarah Beardmore
Strategic Partnerships and Capabilities Team
Lead, Global Partnership for Education

Carmen Anna Maria Tammi
Education Specialist and Thematic Lead for Education in
Crisis and Conflict, Global Partnership for Education

Roundtable 4 Innovative pedagogy: Its role in scaling quality education and transforming systems

STEIN CONFERENCE ROOM (2nd Floor)

This roundtable discussion will explore the concept of innovative pedagogies—what counts as an innovative pedagogy, what examples we can see around the world, and what role they play in transforming systems to enable all children to develop a breadth of skills.

Ghulam Omar Qargha
Fellow, Center for Universal Education, Brookings
Institution

**3:30
p.m.**

Coffee break

- **BINGO** (optional): come to STEIN (2nd Floor) for networking BINGO with silly prizes
- **Roundtable share-out**: share your experience and learn from colleagues from our diverse roundtable sessions
- **Connections and Networking**. Meeting space available in KRESGE (2nd Floor)

**4:00
p.m.**

Closing plenary panel

Civil society organizations (CSOs) are often ideally situated to sustain the holistic, long-term vision and commitment needed to achieve systems transformation. In this panel conversation, we will explore where, when and how CSOs have (or have not) taken on these roles and conclude with the launching of CUEs new strategy to form a global leadership coalition of CSOs working on education systems transformation around the world, with a particular focus in the Global South.

Jennifer L. O'Donoghue
Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, Center for
Universal Education, Brookings Institution

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Rakesh Rajani
Vice President of Programs, Co-Impact

**5:00
p.m.**

Reception