



Press release

ADEA Triennale: a side event addressing regional partnership to advance education in Africa

Dakar, 13th of February 2017 - This year's edition of the Triennale (14-17 March in Diarniadio, Dakar) focuses on "Revitalizing education towards the 2030 Global Agenda and Africa's Agenda 2063". As Chair of the West and Central Africa Regional Coordination Group on SDG4-Education 2030 (RCG4-WCA), UNESCO is facilitating a side event on 'Regional partnership in support of Education 2030 and CESA 16-25', bringing together a wide range of partner institutions at the regional/continental level, including from Eastern and Southern Africa region on 14 March 2017.

National governments have the primary responsibility for implementation, follow-up and review of the global and regional/continental education agendas. Yet, regional and sub-regional collective efforts are important as they contribute to addressing common challenges and promoting sharing of knowledge, effective policies and practices within and across regions. In recognition of such importance, the Education 2030 Framework for Action emphasizes the need to build on existing partnerships, frameworks and effective and efficient mechanisms. It also encourages to forge new partnerships to ensure strong regional collaboration, cooperation, coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the education agenda. The African Union, for its part, calls upon for the international community to uphold Africa's vision and aspirations and to align their partnerships appropriately.

This Triennale side event, designed as a joint activity of the RCG4-WCA, will provide a platform to exchange on building effective partnership for collective and coherent support to SDG4-Education 2030 and the African Union's Continental Education Strategy for Africa 16-25 (CESA). In light of the participating agencies' experiences and aspirations, it will specifically address the way forward in implementing and contextualizing these education agendas in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The RCG4-WCA was created in 2016 as a response to these needs and priorities, bringing together a wide range of multilateral and civil society organizations active in educational development in West and Central Africa.

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