

Education Forum 2024 - Open Space Report

Workshop Title: Realising SDG 4.7 and SDG 4.6

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Main issues, questions discussed:

- Gaps to implement SDG 4.6 and 4.7 are on various levels, including (financial + time + ...) resources, capacities, infrastructure in the environment... interventions on various levels needed to ensure that 4.6 and i.e. 4.7 are ensured at all, in formal but also informal education (unless e.g. a green movement emerges from the community)
- Awareness on some of the topics is not there at all, sometimes hear it the first time when introduced, partly not in curriculum, ToTs, sometimes also no legal framework to implement i.e. SDG 4.7
- E.g. stigma regarding disability inclusion, as many people think that people with disabilities
 cannot learn, what is not true, they get excluded from these SDGs, e.g. especially challenging
 to meet SDG 4.6 standards on national level > but not always needed for each job,
 importance to make labour market more inclusive
- Inclusion i.e. absent during COVID-19, no system by which people with disabilities get access, even though there had been some improvements, advocacy continuously
- General gap on didactic and methodic tools and capacities to implement SDG 4.7, in general but especially including people with disabilities
- Different sectors (Education, Livelihood, WASH...) work in silos to address similar challenges, but do not work together
- From global to local: Lack of awareness on SDG 4.7, the targets and commitments and how they can be implemented in schools and grassroots communities
- There is a diversity of community initiatives on SDG 4.7 but again, there is no knowledge of what these initiatives are, need to have exchanges and advocacy on how they can inform education policy and programs

Actions points:

- Provide (national?) finances: fundamental as it enables most other areas of action:, but often very difficult despite e.g. awareness, and this is based on policy that comes from advocacy
- Based on funding and policy, otherwise (sometimes punctual, insufficiently coordinated)
 actions from international organisation: Capacity sharing and training, inclusive environment,
 cross-sectoral cooperation, advocacy => how can we better coordinate and up-scale till it
 becomes mainstream on national level (from "grassroots" to global, and the other way round)
 => key remains to work with governments, advocate for policies
- Sharing of capacities evolving from the community