February 2020 Newsletter

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Global Education Highlights
**February 4-7,** GCE-US Executive Director Jennifer Rigg joined Global Campaign for Education (GCE) coalition partners for a regional and global advocacy conference hosted by the Education Coalition in Tbilisi, Georgia. Exciting news: joining the wonderful work of other GCE regional groups, the European and North American Coalitions for Education group (ENACE) was born to build stronger transnational advocacy and capacity across the region on behalf of the right to education for all. The conference also featured preparations for next year’s Global Partnership for Education replenishment advocacy, bringing together civil society groups from around the globe.
February 11, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), UN Girls' Education Initiative, and Brookings Center for Universal Education co-hosted a discussion exploring how education systems can be transformed to advance gender equality. As GPE develops its new multi-year strategic plan, Jo Bourne, Chief Technical Officer of Global Partnership for Education, asked for your input on the following questions:

1. How are your organizations approaching the girls' education/gender equality agenda?
2. What trade-offs are you struggling with in your attention to girls' education/gender equality?
3. What change would you want to see in order to make progress in the Global Partnership for Education's aspirations to achieve gender equality?

We would be glad to compile input. Please email info@gce-us.org with your responses by February 21, 2020.
February 3, new GCE-US fellow Shruti Nallappa put her studies in action at a session with Dr. Michael Kremer, co-recipient of the 2019 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences for his research on world poverty programs, at USAID.

February 13: The Abidjan Principles celebrated the one-year anniversary of the adoption of the obligations of States to provide public education and to regulate private involvement in education. Learn more: www.abidjanprinciples.com
President Trump released his fiscal year (FY) 2021 budget request on February 10. GCE-US is particularly concerned that the president’s request includes cuts to both domestic and international education programs. Help GCE-US advocate and protect against proposed budget cuts to education here and abroad.

**Take Action:**
1. To send a letter to your members of Congress, click here.
2. To tweet your members of Congress, click here.
3. To join us in other efforts, such as Hill meetings in Washington, DC and local districts, please contact Suzanne Berman, who leads GCE-US’ Hill advocacy, at sberman@gce-us.org.

Looking to support strong public education systems? Join the National Education Association’s campaign to fight for public schools and express concerns about vouchers that take scarce funding from students in public school.

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**Upcoming**

- To register for the USAID Global Education Conference in April 2020 in Washington, DC, please go to https://www.edu-links.org/2020GEC right away and request an invitation.
- February 19: Join All Children Reading: A Grand Challenge for Development for a webinar to learn how to create and/or
localize open-source educational content for children in low-resource contexts. You'll learn about Feed the Monster, an open-source Arabic literacy app funded through ACR GCD and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation's (Norad) EduApp4Syria prize, adapted into 47 languages. A recording of the webinar with closed captioning will be available following the event - Register here.

- February 22, Foreign Policy for America will be hosting a voter registration training.
- February 26, USAID Office of Education cost analysis guidance launch: The USAID Office of Education is about to publish its first-ever cost analysis guidance for education activities. USAID will mark publication with an event on February 26 at the InterAction office. Contact Elena Walls if you would like to attend: ewalls@usaid.gov

- March 8, International Women’s Day
- March 9-20, Commission on the Status of Women
- March 22-26, Comparative & International Education Society Conference, Miami, Florida
- March 24-25, G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting
- April 2, Jesuit Refugee Service/USA 2020 Advocacy Day: Visit www.jrsusa.org/advocacyday to learn more and to RSVP. Deadline to RSVP is March 20.

>> We want to hear from you! What are your plans for International Women’s Day and upcoming events/moments?