



2019 Global Action Week for Education

Overarching theme: Making the right to an inclusive, equitable, quality, free public education a reality

Proposed slogan: My Education, My right(s)

Main Message

The Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) is a flagship event for the civil society education movement, and has been running successfully since 2003.

The 2019 theme encompasses several of the draft strategic plan focus areas. It relates closely to the strategic focus area 1 **on 'Equality and non-discrimination'** and key actions related to developing a rights-based campaign and exploring the justiciability of education as a human right. The theme also has linkages with the strategic area **'Education in emergencies'** and also articulates with the strategic plan focus area 2 on **Transformative education** and with **SDG4 target 4.7 "**

We are at a critical point that demands stronger commitments of all partners to ensure the timely delivery of free quality education for all as set out in the Education 2030 agenda: children starting school in 2019 will complete their 12 years basic education by 2030. It is an ideal moment to interrogate stakeholders on their commitment, and to assess if the fundamental human right to free inclusive quality public education for all will become a reality.

GAWE 2019 – Calls on governments to

- Subscribe to, ratify and implement the human rights treaties and optional protocols
- Commit to the full realisation and implementation of SDG4
- Invest in public education systems, according to international standards (at least 6% GNP, 20% public budget) and ensure that 3-5% is used for accommodations for students with disabilities.
- Raise the attractiveness of the teaching profession, ensuring that teachers have decent employment and working conditions, enjoy their full trade union rights (especially freedom of association and collective bargaining) and are well supported with quality initial and continuous professional training.
- Develop gender sensitive education sector plans, including a participatory monitoring and evaluation with civil society organisations.
- Provide a framework, allocated resources and planning for delivering education in context of emergencies, and to IDPS and migrants.
- Address exclusion and discrimination in curriculum, teaching and learning materials and school governance
- Foster children and youth participation as a key strategy for the education public policies
- Provide progressively free of charge public quality tertiary education, including university education.



- Foster the proper CSO monitoring mechanisms for increasing efficiency in spending of education budget and its proper utilisation.
- Ratify ILO Convention 138 on the Minimum Age for Employment, which stipulates that the permissible age of entry into employment "shall not be less than the age of completion of compulsory schooling and, in any case, shall not be less than 15 years.
- Provide a second chance to out-of-school children and child labourers, by implementing accelerated learning courses to mainstream them to their age-appropriate classes in the public education system.

Social Media Messages

Tweets #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights

Human Right

- Education is a basic and fundamental human right that everyone must claim #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- Education is a fundamental right. States are duty-bearers accountable of this right #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- #GAWE2019 advances the fundamental basic right to education and mobilises the power of citizen voices #MyEducationMyRights
- Education is key to form tomorrow's citizens, it is an enabler to all rights #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- The time to fully realise and implement SDG4 is now #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- The right to education is the right to a qualified teacher. #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- Governments must support the teaching profession to ensure the right to quality education for all #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- Children can't go to school if they are forced to work! Ask governments to support the right to education and end child labour NOW #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>
- Act now! Ask your government to realise the right to free, inclusive, quality public education for all #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>
- Time to act! Sign our petition to demand governments to realise the right to free, inclusive, quality public education for all #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>
- We all have the right to free inclusive, quality public education for all #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights. Claim your right now by signing our petition here <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>

Inclusivity/ Non -discrimination

- Education is as a catalyst for positive change and contributes to a democratic society for all. Stand up for inclusivity in education #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- Education policies must be gender responsive and defeat all kind of discrimination #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- #GAWE2019 empowers the voiceless and the marginalised communities around the world claim their right to education #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- We all have the right to education, irrespective of gender, race, religion, disabilities or economic status #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights



- Youth are the best placed to claim their right to education, their voices matter #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- Education empowers youth to understand, embrace and claim human rights, and become active citizens #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- Help girls and women claim their right to education! Ask governments to realise the right to education for all NOW #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>
- Help disabled youth and adults claim their right to education! Ask governments to realise the right to education for all NOW #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>
- Help marginalised and vulnerable populations claim their right to education! Ask governments to realise the right to education for all NOW #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>
- Help indigenous populations claim their right to inclusive education! Ask governments to realise the right to education for all NOW #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>

Conflicts

- Schools are safe zones. Protect the children. Protect the teachers #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019
- Education is a major casualty in war situations. Children should not bear the brunt of conflict #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- Continued conflict is a risk to the achievement of the right to education #GAWE2019 #MyEducationMyRights
- The right to education is universal and cannot be hindered by conflicts, wars or natural disasters #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019. Tell governments to ACT NOW >> <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>
- More and more countries are affected by natural disasters due to #climatechange. This should not prevent people from realising their right to education. Ask governments to protect the right to education NOW <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT> #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019
- Migrants and displaced populations have the right to education! Support their claim, and ask governments to protect their right to education NOW <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT> #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019

Finance

- Quality education is a human right not a profit-making opportunity #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019.
- Now is the time to bridge the global education financing gap and achieve SDG4 targets #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019. Governments MUST allocate proper resources to education.
- States must ensure private actors in the education sector are subject to public scrutiny and social accountability and financing, regulation #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019
- Quality public education over profit and commodification of education #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019.
- Education can be financed through tax justice and proper allocation of resources. Governments have a duty to realise the right to education for everyone. #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019
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- Privatisation is a threat to the human right to education. Ask governments to ACT NOW to protect the right to education NOW <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT> #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019
- Governments must transform tax policies and increase domestic financing for education Ask them to act NOW to support the right to education <http://bit.ly/GAWE2019-ACT>. #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019

Facebook

- The right to education is universal, therefore girls, boys and youth, adult, disabled, displaced, migrants or vulnerable and marginalised populations rights must be reflected in national education plans #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019. Ask governments and international institutions to commit to fully realise the right to education for all NOW >> <http://bit.ly/ACT-GAWE2019>
- Youth are the best placed to claim their right to education, their voices have the power to change the status quo #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019. ACT NOW! join the youth and support their claim to free, quality, inclusive public education >> <http://bit.ly/ACT-GAWE2019>
- Education is not a one-stop spending: it is a continuous investment that benefits the whole society #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019. ACT NOW to tell governments to support education and the full realisation of this fundamental human right >> <http://bit.ly/ACT-GAWE2019>
- Education is at the heart of all SDG's. It remains the pillar for growth, sustainability and equity #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019. Governments and international organisations must ACT. Tell them to NOW >> <http://bit.ly/ACT-GAWE2019>
- States must ensure that learners have access to high-quality educational institutions and programmes, regardless of gender, class, race, place of residence, ethnic or religious minority status, caste, form and extent of disability, or other considerations #MyEducationMyRights #GAWE2019. Tell them to fully realise this NOW >> <http://bit.ly/ACT-GAWE2019>