



**24 March 2025**  
**9:00-18:00 - in-person only**  
**UNESCO Headquarters, Paris**

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### The Global Education Coalition: From 2020 to 2030

Launched in 2020 as an emergency response to the COVID-19 crisis, the **Global Education Coalition (GEC)** has evolved into a dynamic global network of partners committed to advancing education transformation. As we mark its fifth anniversary, we recognize the Coalition's role in bridging the digital divide, enhancing teacher capacity, fostering youth employability, and advancing gender equality in and through education.

**Only five years remain to achieve SDG 4.** We need ambitious new mission-oriented approaches to help us meet our global education targets, but also to navigate **new emergencies** and **emerging phenomena** that challenge the **resilience** and **relevance** of our education systems worldwide. Therefore, this year's annual meeting will be **action-focused** and **activities-based**, creating **spaces for fostering greater collaboration** to further develop and grow our Coalition's position as a unique multistakeholder catalyst, in the spirit of SDG 17 and the Global Digital Compact's call for greater collaboration between governments and non-state actors.

Specifically, the meeting will be an opportunity to drive the continued growth of the **Global Skills Academy**, new directions for the **Global Learning House** and the **Global Teacher Campus**, and the establishment of a facility for country-level work with the **Digital Transformation Collaborative (DTC)**, including a capacity building programme for education decision-makers aligned with the [Six pillars framework](#) for the digital transformation

of education, launched by Coalition members last September. Since then, the framework has become a widely endorsed **common language** to unpack the essential components of holistic, equitable, sustainable and human-centred approaches to technology and education.

## Objectives

1. **Shape the Coalition's future together:** Collaboratively define the Coalition's priorities and reaffirm our shared commitment to accelerating progress toward SDG 4 and beyond.
2. **Address key education challenges:** Explore how the Coalition is tackling persistent education issues and proposing innovative solutions to emerging education challenges, exacerbated by demographic, technological, environmental and geopolitical transitions.
3. **Engage in interactive workshops:** Participate in focused workshops to share best practices, brainstorm actionable solutions for real-world scenarios, and create synergies that enhance collaboration and impact across our work.

## Participants

UNESCO will invite all **225+ members** of the Coalition, as well as the Permanent Delegations of UNESCO Member States, ministry representatives and other relevant stakeholders, including those interested in joining the Coalition.

## Format & session logistics

Global Education Coalition members are invited to attend the **in-person only** annual meeting on **24 March 2025**. The day will be divided in two parts: morning **plenary sessions**, and afternoon **breakout sessions** on a range of focused topics and networking opportunities.

**Interpretation** will be provided in French and English during the morning plenary sessions only.

## Agenda

Time	Activity
9:00-09:50	Welcome coffee and interactive icebreaker
10:00-10:10	UNESCO opening remarks and presentation of the annual report
10:10-11:00	<p><b>Moonshot fireside chats: Crafting mission-oriented collaborations</b></p> <p>Pairs of Coalition partners will reflect on lessons learned from previous collaborations and propose new partnerships aimed at developing radical solutions that use technologies and AI to improve persistent challenges in education systems, including on: (1) accelerating foundational learning, (2) empowering teachers and the teaching profession, and (3) expanding skills for the future of work.</p>
11:00-11:40	<p><b>Country perspectives: Decision-making on the digital transformation of education</b></p> <p>High-level dialogue on the challenges and opportunities of cross-sectoral, multistakeholder collaboration in planning, financing and implementing education sector-wide digital transformation of education.</p>
11:40-11:50	<p><b>Presenting a new chapter for the coalition</b></p> <p>UNESCO leadership presents the results of the GEC governance study and sets the steps for designing a Coalition model that accelerates SDG 4 achievement and ensure the sustainability of the Coalition.</p>
11:50-12:00	<p><b>Interactive activity: What's next?</b></p> <p>Participants engage in brainstorming the mission-oriented approach for the next 5 years of the Coalition.</p>
12:00-12:40	<p><b>Launching the Digital Transformation Collaborative Facility for country work and capacity building</b></p> <p>Panel discussion of the Digital Transformation Collaborative steering team members on their contributions to the facility and to the development of a capacity building programme aligned with the Six Pillars framework.</p>
12:40-12:45	Overview of afternoon breakout sessions
12:45-14:00	<p><b>Meet and greet lunch and launch of the IFC report on gender &amp; skills</b></p> <p>Lunch will be provided on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor for all registered participants.</p>

## Afternoon Workshop Sessions

14:00-15:30	<p><b>Co-creating our next mission targets together</b></p> <p>These interactive parallel sessions will brainstorm the future of the missions and agree on new targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Global Skills Academy and the Gender Flagship:</b> Defining a new target on AI, gender and digital skills development.</li> <li>• <b>Global Learning House:</b> Expanding the mission for 2030 on leveraging the science of learning for evidence-informed solutions to education challenges.</li> <li>• <b>Global Teacher Campus:</b> Designing a new mission for 2030 on teachers digital skills and AI.</li> </ul>
15:30-16:00	Coffee break

<p><b>16:00-17:30</b></p>	<p><b>Thematic workshops on pressing challenges</b></p> <p>These parallel sessions will be design-thinking to focus on pressing challenges in 2025 and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Financing education:</b> Using the DTC’s financial models toolkit, this session will engage with innovative financing for the digital transformation of education. Participants will contribute case studies and initiatives from their own contexts to expand the knowledge commons on the topic, and they will leave with concrete examples of 26 different models leveraged around the world.</li> <li>• <b>Education in emergencies:</b> This session will brainstorm new public-private partnerships (PPP) in crisis contexts, discussing how distance learning opportunities can be leveraged to support educational inclusion and continuity. Participants will leave with new ideas for how and where PPP can be an asset for education in emergencies in 2025 and beyond.</li> <li>• <b>Advancing trustworthy alliances for education and technology:</b> This session will explore the essential building blocks for creating meaningful ecosystems for knowledge exchange and collaboration across stakeholder groups to ensure technology in education has a positive impact. Participants will leave with concrete steps for building multistakeholder alliances in their own contexts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>17:30-18:30</b></p>	<p><b>Cocktail and Coalition governance framework</b></p> <p>Presentation of proposed Coalition governance model and closing remarks from UNESCO leadership at the celebratory closing cocktail, during which participants are invited to interact with and provide feedback on the proposed governance framework.</p>