

Report of CCNGO meeting (20/02/17) for the World Education Forum
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After participating in the preparatory call conference (9/02/17) for the next World Education Forum, I met with Mrs Margarete Sachs-Israël (programme specialist) and her team to better understand my role and position as the Liaison Committee's representative in charge of CCNGO's relations.

As formulated in the CCNGO's working procedures, UNESCO considers NGOs as key partners to fulfill its mandate. The coordination group is composed of 10 NGO representatives including 5 regional focal points, 2 international ones and 2 other representatives from CCNGO members /Education 2030). It is the elected focal points' responsibility to communicate with the CCNGO members; they are elected by CCNGO members every two years during the World Education Forum. Ex officio representative, one representative of the UNESCO-NGO Liaison Committee will also be a member.

The NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee's representative has an institutional role which was initially created to enable the Committee to follow what is being done in the education sector and currently with the implementation of SDG 4/ Agenda 2030 but also to speak on behalf of NGOs' members who are non-experts in education and can still give their inputs and insights to the education debate. All CCNGO members (national, regional and international) are all active and have experience and expertise in the field of education.

According to Mrs Sachs-Israël, Unesco's work must be made visible and collaboration with NGOs is critical as the whole of 39/C/5 document will be aligned with SDG 4. Mrs Sachs-Israël considers non expert NGOs' contribution possible and desirable; she insisted on the paramount role of communication and suggested we should meet again to discuss how we can work together.

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