Major mobilization to finance education worldwide

UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay commended the pledges announced by over 60 countries at last week’s Global Partnership for Education Financing Conference in Senegal. "Education is the key to development and peace, but we are in a situation of massive under-investment," stated Mrs Azoulay. "We need collective intelligence in action for a long-term political vision that is coherent and financed. UNESCO will be fully engaged in this collective effort," she added. UNESCO has been a global leader in education since its inception in 1945.

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The need for a comprehensive approach to sexuality education

Close to 10 years after its first edition, a fully updated *International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education* published today by UNESCO advocates quality comprehensive sexuality education to promote health and well-being, respect for human rights and gender equality, and empowers children and young people to lead healthy, safe and productive lives. Radio France International's (RFI) David Coffey spoke to UNESCO’s Chief of Health and Education, Christopher Castle, about the revised Guidance.

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The importance of teaching and learning about the Holocaust

On the occasion of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, commemorated each year on 27 January, UNESCO pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and reaffirms its commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance. In 2017, UNESCO released a policy guide on Education about the
Holocaust and preventing genocide, to provide effective responses and a wealth of recommendations for education stakeholders.

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Marginalized girls and young women in Nepal realize their right to education

Bhawana Bhatta became a mother at the tender age of 14 after her family married her off when she was in grade 8. When girls are forced to marry, they often drop out of school, and many will never again set foot in a classroom. Fortunately, this was not the case for Bhawana. Through interventions supported by the UNESCO Malala Fund for Girls’ Right to Education, Nepalese girls and women like Bhawana now have access to education programmes that build knowledge and skills on sexual and reproductive health, income generation, and how to stand up for their rights.

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Life made simpler and sustainable among vulnerable communities in
Colombia

Fishermen who make their living from the Cauca River in the south of Colombia have had their daily task made easier by adapting their traditional rafts to solar power. That is just one of the concrete sustainable actions enabled by Pacto Planeta, a civil society organization designing, implementing and tracking high impact social and environmental projects in 12 provinces in Colombia. Its main goal is to help organizations with environmental projects to maximise their impact.

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The Global Education 2030 Agenda
UNESCO, as the United Nations’ specialized agency for education, is entrusted to lead and coordinate the Education 2030 Agenda, which is part of a global movement to eradicate poverty through 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Education, essential to achieve all of these goals, has its own dedicated Goal 4, which aims to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.” The Education 2030 Framework for Action provides guidance for the implementation of this ambitious goal and commitments.