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2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum Side Event, **ID1**
*Improving Health of Our Children and Future Generations
Through
Education and Health*

05 February 2025; 10 am to 11:15 am EST, New York Time
Organized by: **Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC)**

Background

Cultural diversity is now the norm in each and every country. The aim of this Virtual Side Event, was to understand the potential of social and economic impacts, that quality education and improved health can bring in achieving peaceful co-existence. For policy-makers and individuals alike, this means planning for the future, and working together. The initiatives of Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC), have been hard at work for the last two decades, to achieve education- and health-for-all. It is at the heart of our projects and programs to focus on eliminating poverty, hunger and achieving the United Nations' 2030 Agenda. Our initiatives have unique role to play in strengthening the health and educational systems worldwide.

Concept Note: <http://womenshealthsection.com/content/2025-ECOSOC-Concept-Note.pdf>

Key Issues discussed

Health is equally fundamental to education. Education and Health together, has power to transform the lives of our children and future generations, eliminating poverty, hunger and improving living conditions. Inclusive and transformative education and health cannot be delivered if our children are not safe, well-nourished and healthy, and free from violence and discrimination. There is growing numbers of studies that reflect the inter-relationships between education and health, which necessitates a more comprehensive approach to health needs in schools, universities and higher education institutions.

Agenda and Key Issues discussed:

- Achieving Education- and Health-for-All;
- Knowledge generation and dissemination;

- LINK (Learning, Innovating, Networking for Knowledge) Access Project *for* Reproductive Health Research;
- Expanding UNESCO Chair Program;
- Ending Child Marriages – Lessons Learned from Initiatives in India;
- Foster inclusive digital transformation and governance.

A coordinated action across sectors is needed for the greatest impact. WHEC Statement:

<http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/2025-ECOSOC-Forum-Side-Event-WHEC-Statement.pdf>

Key recommendations for action

The global movement towards education- and health-for-all, will directly facilitate achieving all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Education and health can become the driving force behind poverty reduction strategies, in the service of humanity, democratization of the resources and an inputs for regional development in social and economic development – especially relevant for universal health coverage and access. Our recommendations for action are:

1. Health and educational services should be free or low-cost and provided by educators and healthcare providers, who are non-judgmental.
2. Promote education, training and professional development for women of all ages.
3. Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality at regional, national and international levels.
4. Building the evidence-based, mainly community-based research that is affordable and has immediate implications for programs and local partners.
5. Provide strong and coherent leadership in support of Member States' priorities and efforts, building effective partnership and civil society, to accelerate SDGs.

Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC), aims to mobilize humanity's collective intelligence, which involves youth, educators, civil society, governments, businesses, corporations, and stakeholders. There is a rich diversity of ways of knowing, which relies on a broad and open-access. Education and Health are human rights! YouTube Video can be accessed @ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2L_bLVEpUk&t=16s

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