



## 56<sup>th</sup> Session of CPD – Virtual Side Event Speaker's List / Meet the Speakers

**Towards Quality Education & Common Good**  
*A Roadmap for Transformation of Education & Health*  
**13 April 2023; 8:30 am - 9:45 am EDT (New York Time)**

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Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC)

### Speakers / Presenters:

World Health Organization (WHO);  
Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, USA and Africa)

#### I. From WHEC

1. Dr. Rita Luthra, MD  
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#### **Our Brief History:**

<http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/Our-Brief-History.pdf>

*Introduction & Rethinking Purpose and Content of Education for the 21st century*

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*(K-12) Education in Africa: The role of AI, Data and Experimental Learning*

3. Dr. Edith Luhanga, Ph.D.  
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*Digital Public Goods (DPGs): For Catalyzing Transformation in Education & Health*
4. Dr. Colleen A. Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP  
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*Initiatives for Better Health, Gender Equality and Meaningful Employment*
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*Health and Educational Services for Migrants in Turkey*
6. Dr. Roger P. Worthington  
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*Sustainable Development and Education Reform: Beyond the Rhetoric*
7. Dr. Dawna K. Jenne  
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*Public Schools Reimagined in USA: Case Study, Springfield, MA*

## II. From World Health Organization (WHO)

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*Health Promoting Schools and Improving Global Partnerships in Health and Education*

### AGENDA

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| <b>8:30 am – 8:35 am</b> | <b>Welcome and Introduction – Dr. Rita Luthra</b>   |
| <b>8:35 am – 8:45 am</b> | <b>WHEC's Statement – Dr. Rita Luthra</b>   |
| <b>8:45 am – 9:00 am</b> | Dr. Valentina Baltag; WHO HQ<br><b>Health Promoting Schools &amp; Improving Partnership</b>   |
| <b>9:00 am – 9:15 am</b> | Dr. Ganesh Mani & Dr. Edith Luhanga<br><b>K-12 Education in Africa &amp; Digital Public Goods</b>   |
| <b>9:15 am – 9:35 am</b> | Dr. Colleen Kraft<br><b>Initiatives for better Health</b><br><br>Dr. Lubna Qutranji<br><b>Health and Education Services for Migrants in Turkey</b><br><br>Dr. Roger Worthington<br><b>Sustainable Education Reforms</b> |
| <b>9:35 am – 9:40 am</b> | Dr. Dawna K. Jenne<br><b>Public School Reimagined: Springfield, MA (USA)</b>  |
| <b>9:40 am – 9:45 am</b> | <b>Q &amp; A.</b>   |

**Q & A: Please write in the Chat Box and the Speakers will reply or feel free to contact the Speakers directly.**

**Thank you for Joining!**