

## **60<sup>th</sup> Commission for Social Development (60CSocD)**

**Side Event: 11 February 2022; 10 am to 11.15 am**

**Title: Initiatives for Improved Cooperation for Education & Health**

### **Concept Note**

Various global initiatives in both developed and developing countries, in Education & Health, to support and enhance teachers' and healthcare providers' policies and practices are dysfunctional. And many of these initiatives are developed and implemented in somewhat different ways. Most of them are not stand-alone, even in the same country. Consequently, although well-intentioned, these initiatives lack synergies and coordination, limiting their potential impact.

**Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC)** addresses this issue by reinforcing the coordination among key international organizations and national actors working on education and healthcare policies, by bringing more coordinated support to UN Member States. Equally important, the WHEC's initiatives in Education & Health, support authorities at country level to elaborate strategies, that will strengthen national education system and healthcare policies, and the teaching and learning components of national education sector and health-sector plans.

All over the world people have one common and the strongest wish and desire – that their children are educated by well trained teachers, from the finest schools, colleges and universities to achieve a prosperous future. This is a timeless and ageless wish and desire. Our faculty is from the best universities of America. Our WHEC Global Health Line (WGHL) is serving in 227 countries and territories, about 14 million subscribers every year. It is available in six official languages of the UN.

It is indeed my pleasure to introduce to you our initiatives, in improving health and education systems. These opportunities are especially designed to help girls, women and minorities worldwide. All over the USA, in Europe and in other developed and developing countries, we all deal with and also provide education and healthcare to a multicultural society. By interacting with different cultures, we will be able to understand different customs and faiths and learn to respect: THE DIVERSITY.

Imagine students in developing countries and in the United States, in Europe and in other developed countries simultaneously reviewing the same curriculum and learning from each other. This is e-learning at its best in an Internet Classroom, and with this goal Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) and the Department of Public Information of the United Nations (UN) had launched a health and education platform <http://www.WomensHealthSection.com> on 24 October 2002. We welcome everyone.

Technology and innovation in teaching, learning and healthcare are creating exciting new opportunities, to accelerate progress towards education-for-all and health-for-all, in every country. With multiple digital solutions, like the **WHO Academy**, there is a new focus on learning and building competencies, bringing lifelong learning opportunities. The WHEC with WHO Academy aims to reach millions of people, especially in the Least Developed Countries (LDC), offering high-tech learning environments, providing learning opportunities for leaders,

educators, researchers, health workers, WHO staff and the broader public. And we will deliver high quality, multilingual learning, both online and in-person, alongside a cutting-edge simulation center for health emergencies.

We also create a curriculum and strategies for increasing self-esteem and good mental health among our young learners and adults to increase participation of girls, women and minorities in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine). Improving the quality of education systems and healthcare systems/policies worldwide, is our mission.

The objective of this side event is to elaborate strategies that will strengthen national policies in Education & Health. The teaching and healthcare delivery components of national education sector and health sector plans will also be discussed.

Join us to improve coordination for stronger health and education policies.

Thank you!

### *Education-for-All and Health-for-All*

