

Learning in a Global Context

Education powerfully advances twin strategic goals: ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity. Given that today's students will be tomorrow's citizens, leaders, workers, and parents, a good education is an investment with enduring benefits.

But providing education is not enough. What is important, and what generates a real return on investment, is learning and acquiring skills. Without learning, students will be locked into lives of poverty and exclusion, and the children whom societies fail the most are those most in need of a good education to succeed in life. Learning conditions and outcomes are almost always much worse for the disadvantaged.

To realize education's promise, learning needs to be prioritized, not just schooling. To make learning central to the discourse in education, three complimentary strategies are needed:

- i. Assess learning to make it a serious goal
- ii. Act on evidence to make schools work for learning
- iii. Align all actors to make the system work for learning

The World Bank Group invites you to a half-day seminar on **Learning in the Global Context** and to discuss the implications in the Indian context. The World Bank has recently released its annual flagship report: The *World Development Report 2018: Learning to Realize Education's Promise*. There will be a discussion on its key findings followed by a discussion on India's learning agenda. The seminar is scheduled on **April 9, 2018** at the *Aftab Mahtab Hall*, The Taj Mahal Hotel, Man Singh Road, New Delhi and will be followed by lunch. The agenda is attached.



The Center for Policy Research
and
The World Bank Group
invite you to a Roundtable on
Learning in the Global Context

Monday April 9, 2018
9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Registration starts at 9:00 am



Aftab Mahtab Hall,
The Taj Mahal Hotel, Mansingh Road, New Delhi - 110011

09:30 AM to 09:45 AM	Learning in the Global Context Junaid K. Ahmad, Country Director, World Bank India
09:45 AM to 10:15 AM	Learning to Realize Education's Promise: World Development Report 2018 Deon Filmer and Halsey Rogers (Co-Directors)
10:15 AM to 10:25 AM	South Asia Companion to World Development Report 2018 Tara Bételle, Senior Economist, World Bank
10:25 AM to 11:00 AM	Panel 1: Realizing the Promise: Implications of WDR 2018 for India Moderator: <i>Yamini Aiyar, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research</i> Panelists: Venita Kaul, Professor Emeritus, Ambedkar University Vyjayanthi Sankar, Executive Director, Center for Science of Student Learning Geeta Gandhi Kingdon, Professor, University College London Prof N V Varghese, Vice Chancellor, NIEPA
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Q & A
11:30 AM to 11:45 AM	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:45 AM to 12:45 PM	Panel 2: Addressing India's Learning and Skilling Challenges Moderator: <i>Yamini Aiyar, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research</i> Panelists: Atishi Marlena, Advisor to the Deputy Chief Minister of Govt. of Delhi Dhir Jhingran, Founder Director, Language and Learning Foundation Madhav Chavan, Chief Executive Officer, Pratham Gurcharan Das, Author, commentator and public intellectual Santosh Mehrotra, Professor, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
12:45 PM to 1:15 PM	Q & A
1:15 PM to 1:30 PM	Summing up: Implications for India's Education Strategy Shabnam Sinha, Lead Education Specialist, World Bank
1:30 PM	<i>Lunch</i>