Challenging gender-based violence in education and everyday life: a must in fast tracking Agenda 2030

Side Event: 10th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

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1. Nirantar Resource Center – India
2. Civil Society Network for Education Reforms – E-Net Philippines
3. Association for Educational Development - Kyrgyzstan
4. All for Education – Mongolia

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Background

UNESCO Bangkok (2014) reported that despite governments signing onto international frameworks to protect children from all forms of violence, children remain exposed to school-related gender-based violence (SRGBV). In Asia Pacific, the report further analyzed that gender-based violence is often tolerated and sustained by social institutions, including the school – the very place where children are expected to be safe, protected, and empowered.
In 2020 and the years following the pandemic, the extent of gender-based violence to children, youth, and adults – especially to girls and women have increased. Many learners have dropped out of school due to early pregnancy, early marriage, and domestic violence. Women have suffered further due to restrictions in mobility and lack of access to information and community learning centers.

To accelerate the progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda, gender-based violence must be addressed. Gender-based violence is a violation of human rights and a manifestation of the worst kind of gender discrimination. Urbanization has also led to increased poverty, social fragmentation, and gender-based violence due to the pressures in urban areas or cities.

ASPBAE believes in the significant role of education to prevent and eliminate gender-based violence. Further in the prevention and strategic programs addressing gender-based violence in education and the overarching issues on gender equality, the youth voices must be heard towards transforming the lived realities, especially of the marginalized sectors. Towards achieving SDG 11, resilient and sustainable cities, it is pivotal to put at the center of the agenda, gender equality and addressing gender-based violence in education towards transforming communities and in building peace.

Key Questions and Outcomes

This side event will examine the following key guiding questions:

- What are the forms of gender-based violence in education in Asia Pacific and the systems that perpetuate this human rights violation? What are the youth analyses and recommendations on this issue?
- What policies have been advocated and gender transformative education strategies initiated by education movements aimed at behavioral and systems change towards zero-tolerance for gender-based violence?
- How can education institutions, families and communities combat gender-based violence in education, for improving quality, inclusive and violence-free education and society.
# Programme

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|11:20 - 11:25| Interactive introductions – From which country do you come from?  
Susmita Choudhury – Capacity Support and Advocacy Adviser, ASPBAE |

### Speakers

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|11:25 - 11:35| Priyanka Pal, Youth Coordinator, ASPBAE  
Youth Perspectives on Combating Gender-based Violence in Education  
Youth voices from VNR countries |
|11:35 - 11:45| Daryl Cruz, Policy Advocacy and Media Officer, Civil Society Network for Education Reforms (E-Net Philippines)  
Addressing gender-based violence in education in the Philippines |
|11:45 - 11:50| Interactive Open Forum  
What kind of gender-based violence have you experienced in school or any education institution? |
|11:50 - 12:00| Tungalag Dondgodulam, All for Education - Mongolia  
Child protection policies and working with parents and schools to combat gender-based violence |
|12:00 - 12:10| Nirantar - India  
Gender-transformative strategies to address gender-based violence in education |
|12:10 - 12:20| Interactive Open Forum  
What strategies are effective in combating gender-based violence in education? |
|12:20 - 12:30| Masuma Bashirova  
Lessons from Kyrgyzstan on Addressing Gender-based violence in education |

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