

Factsheet

KS2 & 3 – United Nations Conference 2015



World leaders will gather at the United Nations General Assembly in New York during August and September 2015. They will decide how to tackle global poverty over the next 15 years. We can influence these decisions if we speak up NOW! If leaders make the right decisions ALL children will receive a good quality education.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The UN General Assembly lasts several weeks and takes place once a year. World leaders will propose goals called Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and vote on whether or not to accept them – a 2/3 majority is needed.

SDGs will replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) from 2000. Although, a few of the MDGs have been met, most – including the goal of primary education for all children – have not.

TIMELINE

2000 – World leaders set the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

2012 – World leaders decide to replace MDGs with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They set up an Open Working Group to discuss SDGs.

2014 – The Open Working Group announces 17 draft SDG goals.

2015 – SDG goals for the next 15 years will be finalised.

At the moment, world leaders and campaigners are meeting to figure out what the SDGs should include. In July 2014, an Open Working Group came up with 17 draft goals. Goal number 4 aims to make sure that everyone will have a good quality education by 2030.



The time to act is NOW!

Between now and August, many Open Working Group meetings are taking place behind the scenes. So now – while the SDGs are being worked out – is the time to tell world leaders what you think.

Send My Friend to School 2015 came up with the idea of making 3D world leaders to catch the attention of real world leaders.



Their message is clear too: Now is the time to speak up and tell world leaders why education must be a top priority!

A list of ingredients that would make a GOOD DEAL for education:

- Deliver what was promised in 2000 and make sure ALL children go to primary school.
- Focus on children most at risk of missing out – girls, children living with disabilities, children living in conflict, and children living in rural areas.
- Make sure everyone has a quality education. 1.7 million more trained teachers are needed.
- Schools must be safe spaces where girls and boys are treated equally.
- Remove school fees.
- More money is needed - rich countries must pay what they promised, and poorer countries must spend more of their national budget on education.





Let's end with a quote from Yasir Yeahia, Send My Friend to School Young Ambassador in 2011 (left of photo):

“If I were a world leader I'd make sure that the Sustainable Development Goals are enforced. I think this time they should have targets for every couple of years, for example, they should reduce the number of children out of school from 58 million in 2015 to 50 in 2017, and 40 by 2020”.

What would you say if you were a world leader?

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