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**13th Session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)  
(Geneva, 1 – 5 October 2018)**

Dear Mr Suárez Santos,

On behalf of the secretariat of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART), we have pleasure in inviting your organization to nominate one or more representatives to attend the information session of the Thirteenth Session of CEART, which will be held at the International Labour Office in Geneva, Switzerland, on Monday, 1 October 2018, from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. in Room VII (R2 - South).

The CEART was established in 1966 to monitor and promote the use of the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status on Teachers, and later the UNESCO Recommendation Concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel. The CEART meets every three years and is composed of 12 international experts in the field of education. The CEART adopts a report on a number of issues on its agenda and communicates its findings to the ILO Governing Body, the International Labour Conference and the UNESCO Executive Board, so that they may take appropriate action and authorize transmission of the findings to member States of both organizations.

The purpose of the information session is to allow significant organizations in the field of teaching to provide input to the CEART on matters relating directly to both Recommendations. We would therefore invite your organization to present views on trends in education which have a bearing on the status of teachers, in particular those related to specific items on the 13th CEART's agenda, namely:

- Teachers and the future of work;
- Assessment and evaluation of higher education personnel;
- 20 years of the 1997 Recommendation: assessment of trends and prospects for action;
- Upper secondary and tertiary TVET conditions;
- Privatization and education (privatization of primary and secondary in developing countries);
- 50 years CEART: CEART, the Recommendations, SDG 4 and the road to Education 2030.

We would also invite you to indicate any developing trends that the CEART might consider examining at its next session in Paris in 2021.

The following organizations will receive invitations to attend the information session: Education International, Voluntary Service Overseas, International Organisation of Employers, International Trade Union Confederation, International Bureau of Education of UNESCO, Secretariat of the International Task Force on Teachers for Education for all, UNICEF, OECD and UNHCR.

In view of the limited time available, presentations by organizations should be no longer than 15 minutes, so as to allow time for questions and dialogue with the members of the CEART. Your organization's representative(s) are also cordially invited to a reception immediately following the information session.

Should your organization be able to accept this invitation, I would be grateful if you could send a **letter of nomination**, by **Friday, 31 August 2018** at the latest, with the name, title and email address of the person who will represent it (facsimile: +41 22 799 70 50 or email: [sectormeetings@ilo.org](mailto:sectormeetings@ilo.org)). Registration for international non-governmental organizations will take place from 1.00 p.m. on Monday, 1 October 2018.

I would recall that the travel and subsistence expenses of representatives of international non-governmental organizations are not covered by the ILO. Please note that the Office does not supply insurance cover for participants. They are therefore responsible for obtaining health insurance valid for the entire duration of the meeting, including time spent travelling to and from the event.

I should like to draw your attention to the advisability of reserving your hotel accommodation as soon as possible, as the ILO is not equipped to make these arrangements. Representatives requiring entry visas for Switzerland, which is part of the Schengen group (EU), will need to obtain these in their own countries well in advance of their departure.

Finally, I would like to inform you that on 5 October 2018, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., an event will be organised to commemorate the World Teachers' Day. The event will be open to a wider audience, and a more detailed programme will be made available prior to the event.

We look forward to receiving a positive reply from your organization.

Yours faithfully,  
For the Director-General:



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