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Dear colleagues,

During the month of July we continued on the critical path towards the Virtual World Assembly 2021, with the holding of several **Regional Assemblies and Meetings**. In all of them, it has been possible to fluently discuss the shared documents that will be used as inputs for the votation on the day of the World Assembly, as well as issues related to ECCE at present, the OMEP 2021 Declaration and the work of the different National Committees, so valuable and worthy of being shared.

We have launched a Google Form for the OMEP community to join the working teams for the realization of the current **World Projects**, and with great joy we received an interesting number of applications from people from all over the world. In the weeks that follow, we will be contacting them to begin exchanging ideas, generating a schedule of meetings, and shaping these flagship initiatives that are already underway.

Many Northern countries are on vacation during the months of July and August. That is why some National Committees and large organizations stopped their activities. From the Presidency we continue working, communicating and supporting OMEP's collaborative network, with the knowledge and conviction that advocacy work for early childhood never stops.

During this month we have also held the first joint meetings with colleagues interested in the **Privatization of early childhood education**, convened by the "Right to Education Initiative", the group "Privatization in Education and Human Rights Consortium" (PEHRC) and OMEP. Presidents and Representatives of some National Committees joined for the exchange and consultation sessions with the different regions. I especially thank them for their commitment and participation. We will shortly share summaries of the meetings and the goals that the groups proposed.

Regarding this topic, on July 12, the **United Nations Human Rights Council** approved a resolution sponsored by 54 States, reaffirming their recognition of the **Abidjan Principles on the right to education**, urging States to act against the commercialization of education, and called on the UN to work with the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) to implement it. Link: [Human Rights Documents \(ohchr.org\)](https://www.ohchr.org/)

From July 6 to 15, the 2021 **High Level Political Forum (HLPF 2021)** was held. I have participated virtually together with OMEP representatives in various sessions. In connection with this event, two very important global meetings were held:

- **2021 Global Education Meeting (GEM 2021)**, organized by UNESCO, where the Ministers of Education of the world met under the slogan: "From recovery to acceleration of SDG 4". As a member of the CCNGO Coordinating Group, I attended the ministerial segment and contributed to the final document: *Forging a determined and effective mechanism for global educational cooperation*.
- **Global Education Summit: Financing the Global Partnership for Education**, held in person from the UK and Kenya, and partly from virtual platforms. During the event, which took place on July 28 and 29, nearly 2,000 people participated virtually, while 300 accompanied the debate from London, including more than 10

African presidents. On the occasion, 19 low-income countries pledged to progressively allocate 20% of their total public budgets to education, which would add an additional 196 billion dollars to education globally. They also signed a declaration promoted by the Kenyan government so that the international community, rich countries, and private banks, suspend the payment of the external debt, which has such an impact on the financing of education, especially in the context of COVID- 19.

Finally, I want to express our solidarity to the countries affected by forest and urban fires, excessive heat, torrential rains and flash floods that have caused so much human loss and great damage around the world. These extreme events have a proven link to climate change and the indiscriminate and irrational exploitation of a habitat that we share with other generations and with other living beings. The serious situation redoubles our commitment to the implementation of an ESD with a holistic approach, capable of promoting the structural, cultural, economic and political changes necessary to build just and sustainable societies.

Warm regards,

Mercedes

July 2021 News

1. PARTICIPATIONS OF THE WORLD PRESIDENT

- **OMEP-RTE (Right to education) Meeting** regarding the formation of a team dedicated to the privatization of ECCE. July 2 and 19.
- **Meeting with Manos Antoninis UNESCO GEM REPORT Director.** July 2.
- **Learning and exchange session. PEHRC (Privatization in Education and Human Rights Consortium).** July 5 and 20.
- **UNESCO. Virtual Seminar. Right from the start: build inclusive societies through inclusive early childhood education.** July 8.
Link: <https://reliefweb.int/report/world/unesco-policy-paper-46-right-start-build-inclusive-societies-through-inclusive-early-0>
- **GEM 2021. UNESCO Ministerial Segment. Online 2021 Global Education Meeting.** July 13. Link: <https://webcast.unesco.org/events/2021-07-GEM-Ministerial/>
- **Virtual training: The importance of a safe reopening of early childhood centers in times of health emergency due to COVID 19.** Speaker. OMEP Bolivia. July 15.
- **Consultation meeting with Asia Pacific Region and Europe.** RTE-OMEP. Theme: privatization. July 22.
- **Presentation of the Federal Map of Care, Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity.** Argentina. July 22.
- **Global Education Summit - GPE: Is Privatization Really a Solution?** July 22.
- **Global Education Summit. Round table: privatization, commercialization, financing.** July 28.
- **Consultation meeting with the Latin America Region, North America and the Caribbean and Africa.** RTE-OMEP. Theme: privatization. July 29.
- **Meeting “Children in all policies” - CAP 2030.** The Lancet, UNICEF, UCL. Member of the Argentine working group. July 30.

2. ACTIVITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

- **Side event of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI).** Related to the High Level Political Forum held each year at the United Nations to monitor the SDGs. July 21 and 22.

- Various side events by the **Migration Committee** in reference to the High Level Political Forum 2021, such as “**Practices that promise: protecting the migrant and refugee victims from xenophobia and intolerance in the context of the Coronavirus and the pandemic**”. July 8.

3. PARTICIPATIONS OF EXCO MEMBERS AND OMEP COMMUNITY

- **Latin American Regional Assembly.** With the participation of the World President, the Regional Vice President Desireé López de Maturana and 12 of the 14 National Committees. The meeting focused on the analysis and debate of the agenda and documents of the Virtual World Assembly. July 9th.
- **Asia-Pacific Region Virtual Café.** With the participation of the World President, the Regional Vice President Udomluck Kulapichitr and 6 National Committees. July 15.

Special message to Myanmar: In order to show solidarity with the situation of children in Myanmar due to the political and social crisis of recent months, the Regional Vice Presidency of the Asia Pacific region has sent the following message on behalf of EXCO:

OMEP acknowledges Myanmar’s commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which Myanmar acceded to in 1999. In July 2019, Myanmar enacted a new Child Rights Law.

These rights include the rights to protection, participation, peaceful assembly and freedom of expression. We also acknowledge Myanmar’s ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (OPAC), in September 2019. We are concerned that children are being disproportionately affected by the on-going unrest in Myanmar. We call upon Myanmar to ensure that all children’s rights are protected under all circumstances, based on the guiding principles of the Convention and OPAC.

- **African Regional Assembly.** With the participation of the World President, the Regional Vice President Nyamikeh Kyiamah and 6 National Committees. The event featured simultaneous interpreting into French and English. The documents of the Virtual World Assembly were analyzed and themes for the 2021 World Declaration were proposed. July 10.

4. CAMPAIGNS AND NETWORKS

- **July 8: Voices of children in the pandemic.** OMEP together with Clade, IIN and Educo developed the “Dialogues for early childhood education and care”. Boys and girls are subjects of rights!
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/303943781467427/>
- **July 12: OMEP Japan.** Dissemination of the 31st Congress of the Japanese Society for the Education of Young Children (JSEYC). December 18 and 19, 2021. More information: <https://jseyc2021.com>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2017530008399375>
- **July 13: IJEC: Call for papers.** The International Journal for Early Childhood Journal (IJEC) is OMEP’s globally recognized official academic journal. We appreciate spreading the call in universities and research centers.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2018232731662436>
- **July 19: Abidjan Principles.** The Human Rights Council passed a major consensus resolution reaffirming recognition of the Abidjan Principles on the right to education.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2023053707847005>
- **July 22: OMEP Croatia.** The Committee invites a professional scientific conference on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, in association with the Faculty of Teacher Training, University of Zagreb. “Changes in ECE. ECE as change: education and care in response to the new normal ”.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2025375837614792>

→ **July 27: FREE SUBSCRIPTION to the International Journal for Early Childhood (IJEC) for OMEP members.** The communication team launched an awareness and information campaign for OMEP members to access IJEC and interest non-members too.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2026206867531689>

→ **July 27: OMEP Chile.** On August 4, OMEP Chile held its annual seminar online.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2029946123824430>

→ **July 29: Why an OMEP Blog?** The World President Mercedes Mayol Lassalle reports on OMEP's history, its goals, and the importance of enriching and sharing pedagogical knowledge.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2031587373660305>

OMEP BLOG "Rights from the start"

Space for reflection and defense of early childhood education, with the voices of great leaders around the world.

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→ **Childhood education: role and mission – Miguel Zabalza. Spain.** "If we speak about our times, no matter the topic, we cannot avoid the pandemic we have suffered and the many misfortunes that came with it. There were misfortunes, certainly, but there was also learning, and there was one in particular: knowing what is important. Health, for example. Family, relationships, being able to work without fear, and education" ... To read more: <https://omepworld.org/childhood-education-role-and-mission-miguel-zabalza/>

ANNUAL FEE 2021

NATIONAL COMMITTEES can now pay the 2021 membership fee

Deadline September 1, 2021

NEW and EASY ACCESS TO PAYMENT THROUGH THE OMEP WEBSITE

www.omepworld.org

Direct link:

<https://omepworld.org/national-committees-2/>



Enter "About OMEP" and look for "OMEP Annual Fee"



Actually, the annual fees are organized into groups according to the economic level of the countries and the situation of each National Committee.

Group Number Members	National Committee Country Country's economic situation's estimate	Amount in US Dollars per National Committee
Free	Belgium, Paraguay, Sierra Leone	USD 172.00
I	Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Haiti, Kenya, Liberia, Lithuania, Mauritius, Myanmar, Pacific Islands, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela	USD 200.00
II	Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Russia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Thailand, Turkey	USD 400.00

Find in the table the amount for your National Committee and below the [PayPal link](#). Pay with a credit card.

Remember that you can also continue paying by [bank transfer](#).

You will find **all the necessary information in the link:**
<https://omepworld.org/national-committees-2/>

IMPORTANT DATES AND NEWS

VIRTUAL WORLD ASSEMBLY 2021

Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. ART (Buenos Aires)

Subscription: <https://forms.gle/eAUvHpEQ4dyZNv9f6>

49 countries are already subscribed: Germany, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Spain, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, Haiti, Hong Kong-China, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, New Zealand, Pacific Island Nations, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Russia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA, Venezuela.

WORLD PROJECTS

Thank you for joining!

In the coming weeks we will be contacting all those who signed up for the working teams to organize a plan of meetings and exchanges that will begin in September.

International Journal for Early Childhood (IJEC)

We remind you that the **CALL FOR PAPERS** is open. You will find more information in:

<https://www.springer.com/journal/13158/submission-guidelines>.

If you have any translation issues or problems with the English language, the World Secretariat team offers its help. Do not hesitate to contact us. You can write to worldassistant@worldomep.org.

“VOICES OF OMEP” Series

Voices of OMEP is a strategy of the COMMUNICATION PLAN that aims to disseminate and give visibility to projects, work and reflections on current ECCE problems in the world through short videos on social networks.

→ We will be calling on the **Presidents of the National Committees** to leave their testimony for this initiative.

→ To see the **videos made in 2020**:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPTJHtD5j4cBRy3qU5dspfiEhiROtA6-1>

We hope that the voice of each OMEP National Committee can be heard by our community and the entire world!

OMEP INTERNAL CALL - World Team of Volunteer Translators

To improve our ability to share and exchange OMEP's ideas and actions on our website, blog and social media, we are creating a group of volunteers to help with translations of posts, short articles, statements and videos.

If you want to be part of the **Global Team of Volunteer Translators**, please sign up using the form:

<https://forms.gle/xho1EKfvCk7qv7mQ9>