

# Media Advisory

## Preparing Teachers and Developing School Leaders

### Second International Summit on the Teaching Profession

March 14 -15, 2012

New York City, United States

Education ministers, national union leaders and accomplished teachers from 23 countries and regions with high performing and rapidly improving educational systems will meet in New York City for a two-day event to discuss the following topics: developing school leaders, training teachers for the delivery of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, and preparing teachers to work and succeed where they are most needed.

OECD, U.S. Department of Education and Education International (EI) will host this second International Summit on the Teaching Profession together with the U.S. based National Education Association (NEA), the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), the Asia Society and WNET New York Public Media.

Confirmed participants include delegations from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the People's Republic of China, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

An OECD background report will be published on the occasion of this event. The conference is part of an ongoing dialogue among participating countries about best practices in both teaching and learning. In the weeks following the summit, the Asia Society will lead host organizations in publishing a summary paper to publicly document insights shared and lessons learned.

The following events are open to the press.

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#### **EVENT ONE:**

**WHAT:** Webinar on "Preparing Teachers and Developing School Leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Lessons from Around the World," an OECD Background Paper

**WHO:** **Andreas Schleicher**, Deputy Director for Education and Special Advisor on Education Policy to the Secretary General, OECD

**WHEN:** 10 to 11 a.m. EDT (2 to 3 p.m. GMT) on Wednesday, March 14

**WHERE:** Web Briefing - follow this link for registration  
<https://oecdwash.webex.com/oecdwash/onstage/g.php?p=0&t=m>

**Note:** Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email message with instructions on how to join the event. For assistance please send a message to [Matthias.Rumpf@oecd.org](mailto:Matthias.Rumpf@oecd.org)

### **EVENT TWO:**

**WHAT:** Opening and Framing Session

**WHO:** *Arne Duncan*, U.S. Secretary of Education  
*Yves Leterme*, OECD Deputy Secretary General  
*Fred van Leeuwen*, EI General Secretary  
*Andreas Schleicher*, Deputy Director for Education and Special Advisor on Education Policy to the Secretary General, OECD

**WHEN:** 1 to 2:30 p.m. EDT (5 to 6:30 p.m. GMT) on Wednesday, March 14

**WHERE:** Live webcast at <http://media.rampard.com/cotl/20120314/doe/>

### **EVENT THREE:**

**WHAT:** Call-in Press Conference with Question and Answer

**WHO:** *Arne Duncan*, U.S. Secretary of Education (speaker)  
*Yves Leterme*, OECD Deputy Secretary General (speaker)  
*Fred van Leeuwen*, EI General Secretary (speaker)  
*Dennis Van Roekel*, NEA President  
*Randi Weingarten*, AFT President  
*Gene Wilhoit*, CCSSO Executive Director  
*Ron Thorpe*, CEO NBPTS  
*Anthony Jackson*, Vice President, Asia Society  
*Jon Rubin*, WNET's Acting Director of Education

**WHEN:** 3 to 3:30 p.m. EDT (7 to 7:30 p.m. GMT) on Thursday, March 15

**WHERE:** Dial-in: +1-800-988-0221  
Pass code: ISTEP2012 (47872012)

#### **EVENT FOUR:**

**WHAT:** Closing Session: What have we learned, and where do we go from here?

**WHO:** **Arne Duncan**, U.S. Secretary of Education  
**Yves Leterme**, OECD Deputy Secretary General  
**Fred van Leeuwen**, EI General Secretary  
**Fernando Reimers**, Professor of International Education, Harvard University

***Note:** During the closing session, each participating country will give a brief closing statement. Before concluding the Summit, Netherlands' State Secretary for Education of Culture and Science Halbe Zijlstra will give a short presentation to preview next year's Summit scheduled to take place in Amsterdam.*

**WHEN:** 3:30 to 5 p.m. EDT (7:30 to 9 p.m. GMT) on Thursday, March 15

**WHERE:** Hilton New York, Grand Ballroom (third floor), 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY  
Live webcast at <http://media.rampard.com/cotl/20120314/doe/>

*An agenda and additional information is available at*  
<http://www.oecd.org/education/teachersummit>