



# 5<sup>TH</sup> KIX GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM

Promoting a Culture of Evidence-Use in Policymaking: Challenges and Opportunities

December 16–17, 2024, online from 07h00–10h00 AM EST

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC) are pleased to invite you to the 5th Annual Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (GPE KIX) Symposium on **December 16–17, 2024, online from 07h00–10h00 AM EST.**

The symposium will explore different perspectives on evidence use in policymaking drawing on firsthand insights from government officials, civil society organizations, researchers, policy stakeholders, and global knowledge initiatives. It will also showcase KIX results in selecting thematic areas that offer further insights on evidence use in policymaking.

Day one will feature moderated high-level panel discussions on the challenges and opportunities for using evidence in policymaking, focused on **national evidence ecosystems and partnerships**, and **trust and reciprocity between researchers and policymakers**. Day Two will offer parallel sessions anchored in thematic work supported by KIX, featuring headlines of synthetic analyses of KIX research, insights from KIX research grantees and end users, updates from KIX regional Hubs, and reflections from GPE Thematic Leads. Themes covered include: **Out-of-School Children and Youth, Data Systems and Data Use, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion**, and **Teacher Professional Development**.

## AGENDA – DECEMBER 16

<b>Welcome</b> (7:00–7:05)	<b>Ian Macpherson.</b> Lead – Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX), GPE.
<b>Opening remarks</b> (7:05–7:15)	<b>Charles North.</b> Deputy CEO, GPE. <b>Julie Delahanty.</b> President, IDRC.
<b>Panel on National Evidence Ecosystems and Partnerships</b> (7:15–8:35)	<p><u>Panel on National Evidence Ecosystems and Partnerships</u> 55min  <i>Focus Question: What do ecosystems for evidence use in national policy making look like, who is involved, how do they operate, and what challenges and opportunities exist for fostering effective partnerships for evidence use among different actors?</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Daniel Esponda.</b> Minister of Education, Honduras.</li> <li>• <b>Laura Giannecchini.</b> Institutional Development Coordinator, Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE).</li> <li>• <b>Raúl Chacón.</b> Director KIX LAC Hub, SUMMA.</li> <li>• <b>Katherina Hruskovec Gonzalez.</b> Country Engagement Lead, GPE.</li> <li>• <b>Donika Dimovska.</b> Chief Knowledge Officer, Jacobs Foundation.</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Javier González.</b> Director, SUMMA.</p> <p><u>Plenary Q&amp;A</u> 25min</p>

<p><b>Panel on Trust and Reciprocity between Researchers and Policymakers</b> (8:35-09:55)</p>	<p><u>Panel on Trust and Reciprocity between Researchers and Policymakers 55min</u> <i>Focus Question: What are some examples of strong connections between evidence producers and national policy decision-makers, and what factors hinder or help foster relationships of trust and reciprocity?</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Martha Ekirapa.</b> Deputy Director of Education &amp; Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning (KPEEL) Project National Coordinator, Ministry of Education - Kenya.</li> <li>• <b>John Mugo.</b> Executive Director, Zizi Afrique Foundation.</li> <li>• <b>Victoria Kisaakye.</b> Manager KIX Africa 19 Hub &amp; Senior Program Specialist, UNESCO IICBA.</li> <li>• <b>Esohe Eigbike.</b> Country Engagement Lead, GPE.</li> <li>• <b>Andrew Cunningham.</b> Global Lead for Education, Aga Khan Foundation.</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Gita Steiner-Khamsi.</b> Professor of Comparative Education, Columbia University &amp; Lead Researcher KIX EMAP Hub, NORRAG.</p> <p><u>Plenary Q&amp;A 25min</u></p>
<p><b>Summary and close – Day 1</b> (09:55-10:00)</p>	<p><b>Naser Faruqi.</b> Director of Education and Science, IDRC.</p>

## AGENDA – DECEMBER 17

<p><b>Welcome &amp; overview of synthesis work</b> (7:00-7:10)</p>	<p><b>Tricia Wind.</b> Program Leader GPE KIX, IDRC</p>
<p><b>Thematic Breakout Sessions 1 &amp; 2</b> (7:10-8:30)</p>	<p><u>Thematic Breakout Session #1 on Gender Equality In and Through Education (EN, FR, SP)</u></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Laurence Uwera.</b> Program Officer, IDRC.</li> <li>• <b>Freda Wolfenden.</b> Senior Lectureship, Open University.</li> <li>• <b>Khalid Naeem.</b> Member (ICT), National Commission for the Rights of the Child - Pakistan.</li> </ul> <p>Discussant: <b>Rachel Booth.</b> Advisor - Gender Equality and Inclusion Practice, GPE. Facilitator: <b>José Luís Canêlhas.</b> Director KIX EMAP Hub, NORRAG.</p> <p><i>CONCURRENT WITH:</i></p> <p><u>Thematic Breakout Session #2 on Teacher Professional Development (English)</u></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Margarita Lopez.</b> Senior Program Officer, IDRC.</li> <li>• <b>Katherine Fulgence.</b> Senior Lecturer, Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE).</li> <li>• <b>Rabson Chambua.</b> Teachers Continuous Professional Development (TCPD) Coordinator, Ministry of Education - Tanzania.</li> </ul> <p>Discussant: <b>Ramya Vivekanandan.</b> Education Quality Thematic Lead, GPE. Facilitator: <b>Yvonne Mboya.</b> MEL Consultant - KIX Africa 19 Hub Secretariat, UNESCO IICBA.</p>

(8:30-8:35)	Transition to next breakout session.
<b>Thematic Breakout Sessions 3 &amp; 4</b> (8:35-9:55)	<p><u>Thematic Breakout Session #3 on Data Systems and Data Use (EN, FR, SP)</u></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hamidou Boukary</b>. Senior Program Officer, IDRC.</li> <li>• <b>Terje Aksel Sanner</b>. Associate Professor in Information Systems at HISP Centre, University of Oslo.</li> <li>• <b>Kossi Kpomegni Tsali</b>. Director of planning, statistics and monitoring and evaluation, Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education - Togo.</li> <li>• <b>Yao Efoé Gbeteglo</b>. Head of Statistics Division, Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education - Togo.</li> </ul> <p>Discussant: <b>Evans Atis</b>. Data and Evidence Thematic Lead, GPE.        Facilitator: <b>Maïmouna Sissoko Touré</b>. Coordinator KIX Africa 21 Hub, IFEF.</p> <p><i>CONCURRENT WITH:</i></p> <p><u>Thematic Breakout Session #4 on Out-of-School Children and Youth (English)</u></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Patrick Walugembe</b>. Senior Program Officer, IDRC.</li> <li>• <b>Leslie Casely-Hayford</b>. Director, Associates for Change.</li> <li>• <b>Catherine Appiah-Pinkrah</b>. Director Complementary Education Agency (CEA), Ministry of Education - Ghana.</li> </ul> <p>Discussant: <b>Joa Keis</b>. Thematic Lead for Equity and Inclusion, GPE.        Facilitator: <b>Polycarp Otieno</b>. Education Specialist - KIX Africa 19 Hub, UNICEF ESARO.</p>
<b>Summary and close - Day 2</b> (9:55-10:00)	<b>Laura Frigenti</b> . CEO, GPE.

