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## Building a World of Justice and Solidarity: Global Education in the School System *Museu do Oriente, Lisbon, 23 November 2018*

Lisbon, (21 November) - “Building a World of Justice and Solidarity: Global Education in the School System” is a conference co-organised by GENE - Global Education Network Europe, Camões-Institute for Cooperation and Language-Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Directorate-General for Education-Ministry of Education of Portugal, in partnership with UNESCO and with the support of the European Commission.

GENE and its partners believe there is a growing need for Global Education if we want to be better equipped to deal with challenging times ahead. Europe and other parts of the world face mounting threats to democracy and challenges to multilateralism, which undermine efforts to build a world of justice and solidarity. Global Education “is education that opens people’s eyes and minds to the realities of the world and awakens them to bring about a world of greater justice, equity and human rights for all”. It encompasses Global Citizenship Education, Global Learning, Development Education, Education for Sustainable Development. Global Education can empower people to better understand global problems and the complexity of interrelationships between them, as well as to reflect critically and explore ways to promote change.

The conference seeks to reflect on the role and potential of Global Education in formal education systems building on the bases developed in Global Education in Europe over the past 15 years.

The event brings together representatives from more than 33 countries and around 100 organizations including Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs and Agencies, Universities and Research Institutes, Civil Society Organizations and International Organisations such as UNESCO and the OECD. The conference has an impressive line-up of speakers with extensive knowledge of Global Education in practice and will benefit from contributions from facilitators, rapporteurs and participants in participatory workshops. (<https://conference.gene.education/workshops/speakers-facilitators/>).

In the year in which we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, this event could not come at a better time. It is our common duty to make sure that we stand for the simple yet fundamental idea, proclaimed in the Declaration that “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”.

For more information please visit: <https://conference.gene.education/> and social media #GENELisbon  
The event will be in live-streamed during the plenary sessions (9:00 to 11:00/ 16:30 to 17:30).

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