**Strengthening Inclusive Education Systems:**

**Experiences in ghana and ethiopia**

**Date and time: February 17 at 11:30am-12:45pm EST / 17:30-18:45pm CET**

The side event organized by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Education Global Practice of the World Bank

will discuss experiences of strengthening inclusive education as a systemic approach to ensure equity and inclusion, highlighting successes and lessons learned in Ghana and Ethiopia. The session will also introduce the key elements of the [World Bank’s guidance for disability inclusion in education](https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/712711627321467972/pdf/Criteria-for-the-World-Bank-s-Disability-Inclusive-Investment-Project-Financing-IPF-in-Education.pdf) and its role within the broader education policy approach and disability inclusion. In addition, [Education sector analysis methodological guidelines. Vol. 3: Thematic analyses](http://www.iiep.unesco.org/fr/publication/education-sector-analysis-methodological-guidelines-vol-3-thematic-analyses) will be discussed.

**TARGET GROUP:**

The event targets education sector planners, policy makers and development partners wishing to strengthen inclusive education sector planning and programming.

**OBJECTIVES:**

* Share experiences,lessons learned and good practiceson **strengthening inclusive education systems at country level**
* Discuss ways to **ensure inclusion and equity for all learners as a multi-sectoral and collaborative approach with specific focus on teachers and school-based support**
* Share examples of tools and guidance for **inclusive education sector planning and analysis and for mainstreaming disability inclusion in sector wide education operations** at country level e.g. in education investment projects with World Bank financing

**SPEAKERS:**

**Opening remarks:** ***Marjaana Sall***, Ambassador for Education, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

**Roundtable discussion:**

* ***Firehiwot Siyum Tadese,*** Project Officer, African Disability Forum
* ***Kwabena B. Tandoh***, Acting Director General, Quality and Access, Ghana Education Services
* ***Tibebu Bogale***, Inclusive Education Advisor to the Ministry of Education, Ethiopia
* ***Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo***, Lead Social Specialist, Global Disability Advisor, World Bank

**Closing remarks:** ***Jaime Saavedra***, Global Director, Education, World Bank

**Moderator:** **Ritva Reinikka**, Professor of Practice, Helsinki Graduate School of Economics

The event will be organized on the World Bank’s Zoom or Webex platform and is open to all audiences. International sign interpretation and CART will be available. Interpretation in French and Spanish will be available.