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SIDE EVENT/CONSULTATION

*ADEA 2017 Triennale:  
Education and Training in Africa*

March 14 | 9:00am-10:30am

*Abdou Diouf International Conference Center (CICAD)  
Dakar, Senegal*

Every year, the World Bank's *World Development Report (WDR)* covers a topic of central importance to global development. The [2018 WDR](#) – Realizing the Promise of Education for Development – will be the first ever devoted to education, and now is an excellent time for it: education is critical for human welfare and key to achieving global Sustainable Development Goals.

## The Four Themes Explored by WDR 2018:

1. **The promise of education:** Education is a powerful instrument for eradicating poverty and promoting shared prosperity, but fulfilling its potential requires better policies and delivery—both within and outside the education system.
2. **The learning crisis:** Despite gains in education access, recent learning assessments show that many children and youth are leaving school unequipped with even the most foundational skills they need for life and work.
3. **Promising interventions to improve learning:** Recent developments in brain science and evaluations of innovations have identified interventions that promote learning. They show how inputs can be used effectively to deploy strong management and governance at schools with context-specific innovation.
4. **Achieving learning at scale:** Achieving learning at the level of entire education systems will need more than just scaling up effective interventions. Change requires overcoming technical and political barriers, and deploying salient metrics for tracking issues and progress, among other interventions.

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

At this event, the WDR team will present its initial findings and receive extensive feedback from the 2017 ADEA Triennale participants. We seek to learn from your experiences and your views on how the report can be most useful. We invite policymakers, civil society organizations, educators, researchers, and others to join and share their experiences with education successes, challenges, and innovations to improve traditional processes.