CONCEPT NOTE

Reinforcing Partnerships (SDG-17)

Technology & Education for Monitoring the Sustainable Development Agenda

The United Nations General Assembly adopted on September 25, 2015 the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION PARTNERS signed on September 27, 2015 the Sustainable@EDU Commitment https://millenniumedu.org/sustainableedu/ agreeing to contribute for the achievement of the SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs).
In 2016 the V-Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION Meeting aims to reinforce and enlarge the cooperation between stakeholders in line with “SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals” https://millenniumedu.org/sdg17/ and to focus on three interlinked drivers of sustainable development: education, monitoring and technology, as follows:

**Education** – the Meeting will focus on education for sustainable development as well as on how to use technology to improve its access and quality to education with special attention to refugees and on how the personal and social knowledge of science and tools of data contribute for monitoring these aims;

**Monitoring** – the Meeting will call attention on the United Nations Indicators framework http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/ adopted at the 47th Session of United Nations Statistical Commission http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/ to monitor the SDGs implementation and also on how technological solutions can support the indicators framework and go beyond that;

**Technology** – the Meeting spotlights on technology trends which can support Education and Monitoring Data such as cloud services, Internet of Things - IoT, self-tracking data, data analytics, predictive data and many others with real value. In particular, we look to holistic approach implementations and transformation frameworks, like SMART SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, Smart Learning, Smart Campus and Schools and Smart Classrooms.

**Program and Presentations**

The Program of the V-Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION Meeting is full of interesting presentations from Millennium@EDU Stakeholders who update the information on their Initiatives and Programs offering collaboration opportunities and presentations from Guests also providing fresh views on the most relevant worldwide issues with impact on education, technology and development.

An updated version of the Program, Presentations and Accompanying Materials can be found at the dedicated Meeting Webpage: https://millenniumedu.org/v_nyc2016_p/

**DATE and Place – Third Week of September - New York City**

The V-Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION will take place in New York City, USA, on September 22 and 23, 2016.

Every year the Meeting is in the third week of September, the exact same week as the opening of the United Nations General Assembly, giving to the Stakeholders the opportunity to live and
feel the context of our aims as a contribution for United Nations Millennium and Sustainable Development Agendas.

We also take the opportunity to cooperate with other institutions having events in the same area and during the same week and with similar purposes, as also have an exchange of views.

**VENUE – Microsoft Technology Centre NYC Time Square**

As an important contribution from the Millennium@EDU Stakeholders, the venues of our events are offered by our partners.

This approach benefits also the relations with our partners and among them. It helps to understand the hosting stakeholder culture, organization and methods.

The V-Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION Meeting will take place at the NYC Microsoft Technology Center [https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/mtc/locations/new-york.aspx](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/mtc/locations/new-york.aspx)

**WEBPAGE**

In order to help a stronger participation a Webpage has been created for the Meeting - [https://millenniumedu.org/v_nyc2016_p/](https://millenniumedu.org/v_nyc2016_p/) - with links to different areas of the Millennium@EDU Website related to the themes in focus and other relevant information.
The participants of the Meeting can find information about the speakers, their organizations and main initiatives as well as accompanying materials of the presentations. The information will stay available for future reference.

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