

Convening of the Global Coach Program International Technical Advisory Board (TAB)

The World Bank has recently launched the [*Global Coach Program*](#), an initiative focused on supporting countries in revamping in-service teacher professional development (TPD) programs and systems to accelerate learning.

The *Coach* program seeks to transform TPD programs and policies to ones underpinned by four key principles that have been shown to be effective in improving teaching quality. These four principles represent a shift from traditional, ineffective professional development to one that uses insights from behavioral science and the science of adult learning to make teacher professional development tailored, practical, focused and ongoing. The *Coach* program uses a two-pronged approach consisting of 1) the development of global public goods in the form of tools and resources that provide guidance on how to design, develop, implement and evaluate high-quality TPD programs and policies; and 2) hands-on technical assistance to countries seeking to implement these tools and resources. The two approaches complement and inform each other, bridging the gap between evidence and practice.

As part of this work, the World Bank Education team is pleased to announce the convening of the **Global Coach Program International Technical Advisory Board (TAB)**.

The Global Coach TAB is comprised of experts and practitioners from academia, policymaking and teaching practice with recognized expertise in in-service teacher professional development. *Coach* TAB members serve pro bono and are scheduled to meet twice per year. The TAB will provide guidance and feedback to the *Coach* team on the design, implementation and outreach efforts of the Global *Coach* Program, with the goal of strengthening the approach and impact of the program in schools across the world.

The Global *Coach* Program TAB is comprised of:

- **Unaiza Ayub**, Head of Education, The Citizens Foundation
- **Jacobus Cilliers**, Professor, Georgetown University
- **Ranjitsinh Disale**, school teacher and 2020 Winner, Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize
- **Asyia Kazmi**, Global Education Policy Lead, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Marja Kristiina Lerkkanen**, Professor, University of Jyväskylä
- **Florencia Lopez Boo**, Lead Economist, Inter-American Development Bank
- **Zhang Minxuan**, Professor, Shanghai Normal University
- **Denise Vaillant**, Professor, Universidad ORT de Uruguay
- **Tom Vandenbosch**, Global Director of Programmes, VVOB
- **Carlos Vargas**, Head of Secretariat, International Teacher Task Force
- **Daniel Willingham**, Professor, University of Virginia

The Global *Coach* program is currently supported through funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and Porticus.

To learn more about the Global *Coach* Program and other work to support successful teachers, please visit our website at <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/teachers>, or write to us at coach@worldbank.org.