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# Press Release

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## Teachers gathering in New Delhi to celebrate quality education for all

*Teachers from all over India will converge on the streets of New Delhi on Sept. 19 in a massive show of support for universal access to quality education. This assembly of educators is part of a global push to ensure that the United Nations keeps a sharp focus on education as it sets new development goals. The teachers are represented worldwide along with some 30 million others by Education International, which is leading an effort to make sure that quality education for all remains at the top of the agenda for a sustainable, peaceful and prosperous future.*

On World Teachers' Day 2013, Education International launched, through its affiliates worldwide, an unprecedented advocacy campaign to raise awareness among governments, non-governmental and international organisations, financial institutions, community leaders and the general public.

- Of the critical role quality education plays in the development of the individual and society,
- Of the necessity to provide access to a quality education for every student,
- Of the fact that education must be the bedrock of any post 2015 development agenda,
- Of the work of EI and its affiliates and members on behalf of quality education and of the essential nature of the voice of teachers and their representatives in the development of national and international education policy.

Today, a year on, we are standing at the threshold of a great success. Participation from EI affiliates and partners globally has brought education back onto the international agenda and ensured that education will be a prominent goal of the post-2015 development agenda.

However, this is just the beginning. The real test comes at national level, when countries need to implement the recommendations made at the intergovernmental level.

As an example in India, the Right to Education Act (2009) is a step in the right direction, but much still remains to be done to bring quality teachers to all classrooms and ensure that all children receive the education they deserve.

This rally in New Delhi and the many other events across the globe that will take place until World Teachers' Day 2014 on October 5 will show that the education community has mobilised and will stay vigilant. We have achieved much and will make sure that the world's governments will take quality education to the next level.

We cordially invite representatives of the media to cover the rally and to attend the press conference a day earlier.

### **18th September, 2014**

Press Conference at Press Club of India, New Delhi, at 3.00 PM. The leaders of Education International (EI President Ms. Susan Hopgood; Chairperson of the EI Asia-Pacific Regional Committee Mr. Yasunaga Okamoto) and leaders of the three national federations of teachers (AIPTF, AISTF, AIFTO), affiliates of EI, will discuss the issue of quality education in India and the role of the 'Unite for Quality Education' campaign.

### **19th September, 2014**

Rally to raise awareness and seek support to pursue quality education for all in India. Teachers, civil society organisations, parents, media and anybody interested in quality education will participate in this rally and demonstrate their support for quality education. A large number of participants are expected. The rally will start from Mata Sundari College Ground (at 11.00AM) and march towards Jantar Mantar/Parliament Street Thana, New Delhi, where the leaders will be addressing the participants (between 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.).

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