Date: Tuesday, July 9th

Location: Room 5 NLB

Title of Event: Education as a Bridging Factor of All Dimensions of the Sustainable Development

Moderator: Galymzhan Kirbassov

Panelists:

* Huseyin Hurmali, Vice President, Journalists and Writers Foundation
* Robert Alcala, PhD, Columbia University
* Swadesh Rana, PhD, World Policy Institute

Panel will discuss: The effect of Education on all SDGs

Moderator provides introductions, discusses main point of the panel as education, because it is the underlying theme and can truly bridge all factors, including the social, economic, environmental. Furthermore, education can effectively influence numerous targets and goals, and should therefore be examined as we develop SDGs.

Huseyin Hurmali: Discusses the Hizmet Movement in Turkey

* Movement was a transnational movement that focused on education
* Was about recognizing human rights, social justice and resolving conflict.
* Allows for students whether poor or rich male or female have the opportunity to reach their full capacity through education.
* Requires CSOs, and many stakeholders for their participation

Robert Alcala: discusses about the rights and inequalities of education, and how to utilize education to improve governance

* Must look into a integrated and holistic way towards education – it can promote sustainable development goals
* Thus, it is necessary to have a strong framework to education rights because can serve as a vehicle to sustainable development
* threats to education can be addressed by providing schools as safe spaces, such as INEE’s guide notes for safer school construction ***(He only really mentioned ACCESS related situations)***
* Education and corruption: in the Philippines there is a huge issue of textbook procurement
	+ 40% of textbooks were ordered and paid for but were not delivered, thus no accountability mechanisms
	+ In this instance local action of local people were able to give create accountability. Students, teachers, parents, Boy Scouts spoke up against this issue
* Governance <---> Education both ways can improve each other

Swadesh Rana, PhD, World Policy Institute: discusses how women are affected by conflict

* The nature of conflicts has chained significantly since the MDGs have been agreed upon, and we are facing a 5th generation of conflict that must be addressed through the SDGs

Thoughts/Highlights: Overall the panel session lacked a few key components. It failed to mention of the education trends that are occurring within the field itself (such as access WITH quality to education). The panelists were great to mention the holistic approach to education, but didn’t seem to articulate what this means. I felt like the panel would have benefitted from a “call to action” coming from the panelists, and more robust perspectives. There was no mention of environmental sustainability as well. Moderator did not leave time for questions or discussion from the audience.