



EDUCATORS SHAPING FUTURES

A Global Knowledge Exchange on Teacher Preparation and Development

Session Summary and Materials

1. Session

Welcome and Day 1 Opening Plenary

2. Date/Time

Monday, November 3, 2025; 09:00–11:00

3. Speakers and Roles

Opening remarks were delivered by:

- **H.E. Kora Tushune**, State Minister for Higher Education, Ethiopia
- **Maryam Salim**, Division Director, Eritrea, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Sudan, World Bank
- **Ambassador Jiang Feng**, China's Mission to the African Union
- **Steve McDowell**, Assistant Provost for International Initiatives, Florida State University
- **Quentin Wodon**, Director, UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa

A special performance was presented by children from Ethiopia

Teachers gave their perspectives on their preparation and professional development:

- **Video of teachers** from around the world
- **Habib Seid**, Primary School Teacher, Teach for Ethiopia

A keynote address outlined what we know from global evidence and what we need to learn:

- **David Evans**, Director, Center for Global Development
Titled "Empower Teachers to Thrive through Teacher Preparation and Professional Development"

The audience participated in a reverse panel featuring the following experts:

- **Gbolagade Adekanmbi**, Chair of the African Deans of Education Forum; Dean of the School of Education, Botswana Open University
- **Teng Jun, Vice Dean**, Faculty of Education, Beijing Normal University
- **Dennis Sinyolo**, Director of Education International's African Regional Office, Education International

4. Presentations and Materials

- Poem–The Secret Ingredient.pdf
- Song–Congratulations to Teachers.pdf
- Day 1. Opening Plenary Keynote–David Evans.pdf

