To slow the spread of COVID 19, many governments have taken, among other measures, the decision to close schools and universities. Worldwide, 192 countries have closed schools, and over 1.5 billion learners and over 63 million teachers are affected. In Africa, the issue is also serious with more than 91% of schools affected. As mitigating measures to lessen the immediate effects to these decisions, governments and education stakeholders are looking for or implementing solutions to ensure that quality teaching and learning continue in this period of sudden and unprecedented disruption.

It is in this context that UNESCO IICBA, whose mandate is to strengthen the development of teachers and educational policies in Africa, is taking the initiative to facilitate sharing of information and experiences among African countries with regard to the systems put in place or planned to ensure learning and training continuity in tertiary institutions during this period of crisis.

A webinar on this will take place on **Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 2 p.m. ET (GMT +3)** (See details in the concept note attached).

Your participation in this webinar would be greatly appreciated and the enriching exchanges will contribute to achieving the objectives of the World Coalition for Education launched by UNESCO to find a response to the crisis caused by COVID 19.

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