



WORKING MEETING ON THE SAFE ONLINE LEARNING SPACE FOR THE CENTRAL ASIAN YOUTH

CAYNET

22-24 September 2020

Zoom Meetings

CAYNET stands for the Central Asian Youth Network. The UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty developed the CAYNET project, which covers four countries of Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan through the online format.

The COVID-19 crisis revealed various gaps in social and economic life of the younger generation, and especially for vulnerable youth. The COVID-19 crisis posed significant risks in the fields of education, employment, health and well-being, and disposable income. Young people from remote and rural areas, young migrants, and young people with special needs, disabilities and health risks are shoulder much of the crisis consequences in an unprecedented manner. The disruption in their access to education and employment opportunities because of states lockdown is likely to put young people on a much unstable trajectory in finding descent jobs and maintaining their income.

The 2007-2008 financial crisis already left youth shouldering a considerable share of the socio-economic consequences as the number of NEET youth rose to 18% and the number of unemployed young people increased by 20%, leaving one in eight young people (aged 18-25) in poverty. The consequences of this crisis are still echoing current young generation, because being unemployed at a young age, young people face fewer career development opportunities, lower wage levels, poor prospects for better jobs, and consequently lower pensions.¹

¹ OECD Report on Youth and COVID-19: Response, recovery and resilience, 2020.

In order to minimize the risks of a recurrence of similar situation, it is indispensable to equip young people with necessary skills and knowledge, which will allow them successfully to overcome the COVID-19 crisis consequences and help them to build a bright future. CAYNET web-platform helps young people to develop the qualities and skills that are demanded by the modern labor market. With the help of programs and actions that will take place within the framework of CAYNET, young people will acquire skills for team playing, time management, leadership basics, financial literacy, management and other necessary techniques to needed today.

Thus, UNESCO Almaty Office in close partnership with young people of the region has developed a safe online learning space to address some of the concerns related to the closure of schools, universities and training centers in result of COVID-19 outbreak. Young people are not silent about their need for additional education with inclusive approach, we hear them and take action with them.

The main feature of CAYNET web-platform is its inclusiveness. The online format helps us to ensure equal access to inclusive education, project planning and equal terms of partnership and youth networking to everyone regardless of their gender, religion, physical abilities or location. Moreover, it allows to build international dialogue and overcome the geographic borders. Young people of Central Asia will get the opportunity to upgrade their skills, learn new languages, create communities, collaborate, share, improve and realize their ideas, challenge stereotypes, stay informed and confident.

Thus, the working meeting of the CAYNET will present main sections of the web-platform: Ideas Lab, Online Education, Partnership, One UN, and CAYNET concept in general. Through different sections of CAYNET space young people can try themselves in various fields and this fact contributes to their self-realization and sustainable development.

We need to work with young people in order to build back better!

AGENDA OF THE WORKING MEETINGS

22 SEPTEMBER – Presentation to UN Agencies	
10.30 – 11.00	Connection to the Zoom Meeting
11.00 – 11.15	Opening remarks Ms. Krista Pikkat, Director of UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty
11.15 – 11.45	Presentation of the CAYNET web-platform Ms. Arina Myassoyed, National Programme Officer for Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO Almaty
11.45 – 12.00	Q&A Session
12.00 – 12.30	Partnership Opportunities

23 SEPTEMBER – Presentation to Academic Network	
14.00 – 14.30	Connection to the Zoom Meeting
14.30 – 14.45	Opening remarks Ms. Krista Pikkat, Director of UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty
14.45 – 15.15	Presentation of the CAYNET web-platform Ms. Arina Myassoyed, National Programme Officer for Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO Almaty
15.15 – 15.30	Q&A Session
15.30 – 16.00	Partnership Opportunities

24 SEPTEMBER – Presentation to Youth Sector	
16.00 – 16.30	Connection to the Zoom Meeting
16.30 – 16.45	Opening remarks Ms. Krista Pikkat, Director of UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty
16.45 – 17.15	Presentation of the CAYNET web-platform Ms. Arina Myassoyed, National Programme Officer for Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO Almaty
17.15 – 17.30	Q&A Session
17.30 – 18.00	Partnership Opportunities