OBREAL DECLARATION ON BRAZIL'S CONCEPT NOTE FOR ITS G-20 PRESIDENCY IN 2024

OBREAL has carefully studied the Concept Note released by Brazil on its 2024 G-20 Presidency. It welcomes its content and its focus on:

1. Social inclusion and the fight against hunger and poverty.
2. Energy transitions and the promotion of sustainable development in its economic, social, and environmental dimensions; and
3. reform of global governance institutions.

Summarizing the current global challenges in a single word: inequality.

It also notes the willingness to embark in a comprehensive dialogue with civil society and other non-government institutions, which will be conducted by specific engagement groups.

OBREAL has also carefully studied the specific Education Working Group Issue Note with its analysis of past actions and its orientations for the work ahead. It welcomes, in particular, its reference to the idea that “Learning and teaching materials on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) seem particularly fit for content sharing in this context, as they present a particular potential for productive partaking. Firstly, because ESD is not as bound by national circumstances as history or literature material. Secondly, because ESD is a newer classroom topic when compared to Maths or Sciences” which coincides with ideas launched by OBREAL on new approaches to learning.

In this context, OBREAL, which already participated in the events co-organized by the Chair of its Indian Chapter, Symbiosis International University, in the framework of The G20 Education Ministers' Meeting held on 22nd June 2023, under Indian Presidency, in Pune, Maharashtra, renews its commitment to G-20 activities and objectives, in particular in the area of South-South Inter-regional Dialogue and joint activities. It will continue to work with its Brazilian members and partners in view of the G-20 Education WG Ministerial Meeting on the 30-31 October, in Fortaleza.

OBREAL Global calls upon all its members and the whole higher education community to support the efforts and initiatives of the G-20 Brazilian Presidency.