# COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
## Transforming Teacher Professional Development Through Technology

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## Webinar Details

**Date:**
Thursday, February 18th, 2021

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## Speaker Bio

**Cristóbal Cobo, Senior Education Specialist at the World Bank**
Cristóbal focuses on the effective and appropriate use of new technologies in education. Before joining the World Bank in 2019, where he is a core member of the World Bank's global Edtech team, Dr. Cobo spent 15 years working at the intersection of future of learning, cultures of innovation and human-centered technologies across both developed and developing countries.

## Webinar Description

**A global conversation around how to use technology to effectively deliver teacher professional development**

The event brought together a diverse group of education stakeholders to engage in a conversation around improving teaching practices and learning outcomes through quality professional development for teachers at scale. Participants were encouraged to share their experience with teacher professional development both the challenges and solutions.

## Key Takeaways

- Participants expressed **concern for teacher burnout due to COVID**, resulting in a lot of teachers leaving the profession
- A **lack of planning time is a huge issue,** teachers are being forced to plan on their off time instead of planning sessions
- **Lack of resources and respect for the profession** was discussed
- There is a **need for scalable low tech solutions**
- **Solutions should be flexible:** adapting between times and solutions
- Teacher training programs should be preparing students to adapt to changes in the role
- **Organizational learning should be supported by strategic opportunities for teachers and admins to learn together** so they are growing the whole organization
- **There needs to be an equal emphasis on their mindsets, motivation, recognition**

## About the Project

**Teachers for a Changing World Spotlight** is a joint initiative from The World Bank Group and HundrED, with financing from Global Partnership for Education (GPE). The project aims to identify solutions that supports the continuous professional development of teachers in an ever-changing classroom.

## Submit a Solution

If you have a solution currently working to support the continuous professional development of teachers **submit your solution before March 20th.** We are currently accepting submissions in:

- English
- Spanish
- French
- Arabic
- Portugese

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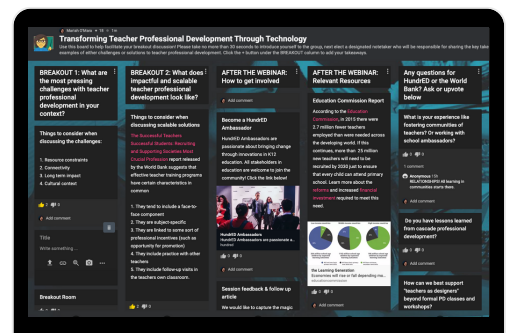Click the image above to go directly to the video

## Minute by Minute

| Time | Activity |
| --- | --- |
| 00:00 | Welcome |
| 01:33 | Introduction by Saku Tuominen Creative Director & Co-Founder of HundrED |
| 07:14 | Overview of the topic with Cristóbal Cobo |
| 16:40 | Breakout Rooms |
| 22:24 | Group Reflection |
| 29:22 | Closing |

## Challenges

- Time
- Lack of resources
- Limited opportunities for teacher PD
- The quality of teacher PD is so varied
- Teachers know technology but not pedagogy and vice-versa

## Solutions

- Solutions should be flexible
- Solutions should provide strategic opportunities for teachers & admins
- Solutions should allow collaboration between teachers
- Solutions should be scalable



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## Resources from Cristóbal

- Realizing the Promise of Effective Teachers for Every Child - A Global Platform for Successful Teachers
- How to use technology to help teachers be better and make life better for teachers
- Teach: Helping Countries Track and Improve Teaching Quality
- World Bank EduTech Podcast
- Global Platform for Successful Teachers
- World Bank Education Global Practice

## Resources from Participants

- Teach 2030
- Schoolinka
- Firki - The Teacher Training Platform
- Video based observation and feedback for Thai in-service teachers: the mentor's role