The Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) in collaboration with the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) is pleased to invite you to participate in a Virtual Forum to present the ADEA Country Status Report titled “Impact of COVID-19 on Africa’s Education: Reflecting on Promising Interventions and Challenges, towards a New Normal”, to be held on Thursday 16th July 2020, from 12:00p.m to 2:15p.m (GMT) via Zoom.

African governments made urgent nation-wide decrees and decisions, among them the closure of all public and private schools and learning institutions following the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, as part of the global response to this crisis. Most African countries deployed a multi-approach strategy, including the use of radio and television broadcasts as well as printed resources and digital tools to ensure that learning continues with minimum disruption despite the shutdown of schools and learning institutions.

ADEA undertook two rapid mapping assessments between March and June 2020, of the status of learning in African countries amid the COVID-19 pandemic to provide better support to Ministries of Education as well as facilitate peer learning between countries. The status report from twelve African countries highlighted some working strategies and best practices, and at the same time exposed gaps that exacerbate exclusion and inequalities in remote education.

In view of the evolving situation and considering that some countries have reopened or are planning to reopen schools and learning institutions, ADEA will use this virtual forum to inform the participants on the latest efforts and strategies adopted by African Ministries of Education and areas that have not been addressed adequately. The forum will also provide an opportunity for key education stakeholders to share their views and experiences in paving the way to the “new normal”.

For more information on the topic, we invite you to visit the ADEA website and read the previous full report published in April 2020.

Further details on the event will follow shortly. Please note that participation is open to everyone.