

Nicholas Burnett



Nicholas Burnett was appointed Assistant Director-General for Education at UNESCO in September 2007, bringing to this position a very broad knowledge of education in developing countries. He previously was at the head of UNESCO's flagship Education for All Global Monitoring Report, where he directed the three most recent editions (2006: Literacy for Life; 2007: Strong Foundations: Early Childhood Care and Education; 2008: Education for All: Will we make it?) From the United Kingdom, Mr Burnett has spent his entire career working on developing and transition countries, with a strong focus on Africa. At the World Bank (1983-2000), he was responsible for the organization's global education sector strategy review and served as Human Development Sector Manager in West and Central Africa. Before joining the World Bank, he worked at the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office as an Economic Adviser on Africa and Latin America. From 2001 to 2004 he managed his own international consulting firm, specializing in human development and strategic management. Much of the firm's activity was in Eastern and Central Europe and Central Asia, and included work with the World Bank and the Soros Foundation to set up the Roma Education Fund. Mr Burnett holds a BA (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Balliol College, Oxford University and MA and PhD degrees from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC. He is the author and co-author of many publications and articles in education and economics. He was recently appointed visiting Special Professor of International Education Policy at the University of Nottingham (UK).