Although the importance of universal preschool attendance is undisputed, trend analysis has shown that in 2020 preschool gross enrolment was stagnant at 60% globally, and at 20% in low income countries. The deceleration of preschool expansion began well before the outbreak of COVID-19. Yet, in addition to the children that are covered in official statistics, one out of five children in the Global South is attending an unregistered preschool, while many other preschool age children are in primary school. Both phenomena cause concerns about the quality and age-appropriateness of these children’s education, but they also highlight the commitment of parents to early learning and their need for childcare.

To respond to this situation, NORRAG is hosting a webinar that aims at discussing the findings above in some detail, and that would look for ways to escape the current lack of progress.

The Right to Pre School Education

Date and Venue

When: Wed 29.05.2024, 3.00pm to 4.30pm (CEST)
Where: Online

Agenda 15:00 - 16:30 CEST

Opening
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Presentation
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