

Expert Seminar on
Regulatory Frameworks for Catholic Schools Globally and Implications for the
Quality of the Education Being Provided

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(Venue : ICOR, Arthur Goemaerelei 52, 2018 Antwerpen)

- 14h45 Welcome
- 15h00 Introduction by, Prof. dr. Jan De Groof, President, *European Association for Education Law and Policy (ELA)* and *Global Education Law Forum (GELF)*
- 15h05 Lecture : *'Regulatory Frameworks for Catholic Schools Globally and Implications for the Quality of the Education Being Provided'* by, Quentin Wodon, Lead Economist, *World Bank*
- Abstract:* Ensuring that by 2030 all children complete free, equitable, and quality primary and secondary education is one of the goals adopted by the international community under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or Agenda 2030. Catholic and other faith-based schools have an important role to play to achieve the SDGs. In Africa, one in ten students enrolled in K12 education is enrolled in a Catholic school. Yet the role of Catholic schools often remains ignored in policy discussions and support provided by states to Catholic schools is typically limited despite their comparatively good performance. The existing knowledge base on the contribution of Catholic schools to national education systems is stronger for developed than developing countries. Given this context, the aim of this seminar is to share analysis of the contribution of Catholic schools globally, and especially in developing countries. Beyond estimates of the footprint and market share of Catholic schools, and the budget savings that the schools generate for states, the seminar will explore the regulatory frameworks in which the schools operate based on a survey collected in partnership with the Office for International Catholic Education. The survey provides information on a wide range of issues affecting the autonomy and potential performance of Catholic schools, as well as some of the pressing challenges faced by the schools.
- 16h00 Comments a.o. by
- Prof. dr. Jan Van Damme, *Catholic University Leuven*
Prof. dr. Paul Zoontjens, *Tilburg University*
Prof. Dr. Sunčica Vujić, *University of Antwerp*
Dr. Johan Lievens, *Free University Amsterdam*
- 16h30 Q&A – Debate : Round Table
- 17h00 Conclusions
- 17h10 Drinks
- 17h30 End