

Sheila Jagannathan



Sheila Jagannathan is a lifelong learner and Head of the Open Learning Campus at the World Bank in Washington DC. She serves as the organization's focal point on digital learning and issues at the intersection of technology use and education in emerging countries. She is an internationally recognized thought leader, advisor, author and a forward-thinking senior education leader with over 35 years of experience in leading capacity building, knowledge management, data, social learning and transformation change across public and private organizations. She has been responsible for designing and implementing world-class solutions in challenging global environments, resulting in performance and productivity improvements. Sheila also provides policy advice and technical assistance to World Bank country-level capacity building programs (both government and training centers of excellence seeking to introduce technologies in their educational systems) in, East Asia, China, the Middle East and North Africa, Africa and South Asia. A recent MOOC designed under her leadership on Future of Work (WDR 2019) was nominated for the prestigious EDX prize for 2020. Her current areas of interest and activity include: skilling and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, 60-year curricula, corporate talent management, diversity & inclusion, organizational development, MOOCs, experiential pedagogy, online/hybrid strategies, multimodal and social learning environments, immersive learning (AR/VR), use of artificial education in education, big data analytics, LXPs, LMS, and learning ecosystems. She has written articles for various peer-reviewed publications and journals learning publications in technology-based learning and has published a book titled: *Reimagining Digital Learning for Sustainable Development: How Upskilling, Data Analytics, and Educational Technologies Close the Skills Gap*, by Routledge, New York in 2021. She is on the advisory board of major professional associations of learning such as the Canadian Foreign Service Institute, Global Distance Learning Network, Indian National Skills Development Council, George Mason University, E-learning Africa, (Annual International Conference for developing E-learning capacities in Africa), International Conference on e-learning (ICEL), and Skills Development Councils, IQPC's Chief Learning Officer (CLO Exchange)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ADVISORY

- **Advisory, Chief Learning Officer Advisory Council, George Mason University, Executive Development Program**
- **Steering Committee Advisor & Member, UN-SDG Learn: Platform, Partnerships & Program**
- **Advisor on Digital Learning to European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, UK**
- **Advisor to UNICEF, collaborating with Harvardx on a MOOC for for Early Childhood Development, , organized by UN-SDG, Harvard X and Gates Foundation.**

- **Advisor, Global Water Partnership (GWP), Stockholm**
- **Steering Committee and Reviewer of LWMOOCs 2020**
- **Expert Panel, State of XR and Immersive Learning, in partnership with IEEE, Educause, COSN**
- **Board Member, Canadian Foreign Services Council**
- **Board Member, National Skills Development Council**
- **Board Member, Global Distance Learning Network**
- **Member, USAID, MOOC Expert Committee (MEC) funded for advancing MOOCs for Development**
- **Advisory Board – MOOC Forum, MIT.**
- **Member, Learning Board, World Bank Group**
- **Advisory Board - European Conference on Social Media, University of Brighton, UK**
- **Advisory Committee, E-learning Africa, (Annual International Conference for developing E-learning capacities in Africa)**
- **Advisory Committee, International Conference on e-learning (ICEL) that brings together academic research and practical applications of web-enabled technologies for learning.**
- **Advisory Board, E-learning Guild, Leading Community and Resource for professionals**
- **Advisory and Planning committees, Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education and Capacity Building (AACE)**
- **Advisory Board for International Journal on E-Learning (IJEL) – Corporate, Government, Healthcare and Higher Education.**
- **Advisory and Program Committee, Moodle Research Conference**
- **Executive Committee, Association for Advancement in Computer Education (AACE) - Global Learn Asia Pacific Executive Committee and Founders**
- **Member, Selection Committee, Learning Management System, African Virtual University**
- **Program Committee, Ed-Media (World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia and Telecommunications),**
- **Editorial Board, E-Learning and Digital Media, a peer-reviewed international journal directed towards the study and research of e-learning in its diverse aspects: pedagogical, curricular, sociological, economic, philosophical and political.**
- **Executive Committee, Open ECBCheck, an accreditation and quality improvement scheme for e-Learning program and institutions in international Capacity Building. Initiative of the European Foundation for Quality in e-Learning.**
- **Advisor on e-Learning to UNC Business Essentials, Executive Development Program, UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School, USA.**