

## **INSIGHTS FOR EDUCATION WELCOMES DR SUZANNE GRANT LEWIS AS INAUGURAL CHAIR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE AND POLICY**

**Zurich, 3 May 2021** – On 1<sup>st</sup> June, Insights for Education (IfE) will welcome Dr Suzanne Grant Lewis to its team as Chair of Education Science and Policy. In this newly created role, she will provide strategic and technical guidance into global and country programme design and implementation, help to build critical partnerships, and participate in further building of IfE's technical team.

Dr Grant Lewis's background and expertise makes her uniquely suited for this role, with extensive experience in improving educational opportunities in the developing world, particularly in education policy and planning in Africa. She joins IfE from the International Institute for Education Planning (IIEP-UNESCO), where, as its Director, she provided strategic vision and leadership for the Institute across its locations in Paris, Dakar and Buenos Aires. Other key contributions include helping to launch the International Education Funders Group, directing the Partnership for Higher Education in Africa, and directing Harvard University's International Education Policy Program. Her areas of focus have included education policy and planning, applied research programme design and development, and policy and programming to reducing gender inequalities. She pursued graduate studies at Kenyatta University, earned her PhD at Stanford University and has lived in the USA, Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia, Malawi, and France.

Dr Randa Grob-Zakhary, CEO of Insights for Education said: *"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Dr Suzanne Grant Lewis to our team. Dr Grant Lewis brings profoundly deep experience and robust networks bridging research, policy and practice. She will be a tremendous partner in accelerating progress towards advancing the best available evidence into policies and practices that address barriers to learning and improve education for every child."*

Dr Suzanne Grant Lewis said: *"I am honoured to join Insights for Education as Chair of Education Science and Policy. With its entrepreneurial structure and strong network of partners, Insights for Education is uniquely positioned to accelerate progress in education. I look forward to helping develop and deliver its programmes at a critical time for the education sector, with the need to reset education policies and offset the negative impact that the pandemic could have on a generation of children."*

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### **About Insights for Education**

Insights for Education is an independent non-profit foundation working to advance evidence and improve education for every child. Its mission is to build resources for education leaders by synthesising and translating an inclusive range of evidence, and to enable these resources to be used by those who make education happen by building bridges across knowledge actors, policy makers and practitioners. Established in 2019 and registered in Zurich, Switzerland, the foundation is supported by a visionary co-investor collective and is growing partnerships across governments, agencies, NGOs, universities, businesses and foundations in Africa, Middle East, Europe, and North America.

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