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Ossiannilsson is a distinguished professor, consultant, quality assessor and internationally recognized thought leader in the field of high-quality, inclusive, scalable and sustainable education with a strong focus on digital transformation, open education, artificial intelligence and lifelong learning. Her work is closely linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG4, Education for All, the UNESCO vision for a new social contract in education and the integration of ethics, quality and innovation in teaching and learning.

Ossiannilsson is a member of the board of the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE) and a member of the ICDE Technology and Innovation Network (TIN), where she chairs the ICDE Leadership through Uncertainty Committee and is a partner of the Blueprint for Globalized Scalability of AI in Higher Education Taskforce. She is a member of the ICDE Open Education Network and former chair of the ICDE OER Advocacy Committee. In addition to ICDE, she plays an active leadership role in EDEN Digital Learning Europe (EDEN DLE), where she contributes to shaping policy and practice across the continent.

Her expertise is frequently called upon by public authorities at national level and international organizations such as the European Commission, UNESCO, ITCILO and the OECD, for which she has led or co-designed numerous strategic assignments. These assignments have focused on helping governments, institutions and organizations around the world to build capacity, develop policy frameworks and implement sustainable, high-quality systems for open, online and distance learning. Ossiannilsson has led and co-designed numerous technical administration missions (TAMs).

Ossiannilsson has received several international awards for her leadership, including the Open Education Global Award for Excellence in Open Leadership. She is widely recognized as an advocate for learner-centered education that is equitable, accessible and forward-focused, ensuring that education systems are prepared for the challenges of uncertainty and digital transformation. A prolific scholar, Ossiannilsson is a member of the editorial boards of leading academic journals, a guest editor and a regular keynote speaker at international conferences. She has published more than 300 papers, including books, book chapters, technical reports and peer-reviewed articles, on her specialized topics.

Through her global consulting work, academic leadership and international missions, Ossiannilsson continues to shape the future of education. Her vision emphasizes not only technological innovation, but also human-centered approaches based on quality, ethics, inclusivity, scalability and sustainability to ensure that education remains a fundamental driver of equity, empowerment and social justice worldwide.

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