

Belarus

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Mr. Ivanov is 54 years old; received degrees of mechanical engineer and economist; a member of the International Academy of Management. Before the Ministry a senior officer in the staff of the Government. He initiated state projects on development of education; contributed to improving the structure of state management in social and cultural areas as well as development of state personnel policy. Mr. Ivanov coordinates the activities of social partners in education. He was in charge on legislation and regulation development in the field of education; of staff development. He is an author of research works on educational policy.

Quality Education for All: Knowledge, Technology and Future of School in Belarus

The Republic of Belarus joined the UNESCO program «Education for All» after the World conference in Jomtien.

In accordance with Dakar Frameworks and due to high literacy level, absence of discrimination and stable financing the Ministry of Education defines improving the content, quality and management of basic education as national priorities. The key process for the Republic is transition to a new 12-year structure of comprehensive secondary education where the compulsory basic education should be 10 years. The problems of basic education system monitoring development of the system of basic education, textbooks and manuals renewing, teachers providing with guidebooks, technical and communication means and laboratory equipment are among the top task to be solved. There is also a demographic problem of post Chernobyl effect of birth rate declining, as well as quality education ensuring for children who are the residents of the contaminated territories.

The Ministry of Education adopted the National Plan on Implementation of the UNESCO programme «Education for all».

The achieved high level of basic education allows the Republic of Belarus to consider widely the Jomtien and Dakar frameworks on education for all. In particular, we start solving the problem functional literacy and professional retraining for everybody. To rich the goal the network of educational establishments of all levels as well as the system of rehabilitation through education would be reorganized deep and fast. This activity is in the stream of higher education reform and new role of universities. There are also democratization of the national education system, including access to higher education, on the agenda.

Upgrading of the content and methods of education on the base of new communication technology is a milestone on the way of the system development. Under this objective the Republic of Belarus launched the state information system BELNET and a special program for involving every educational establishment in the network. *✍*