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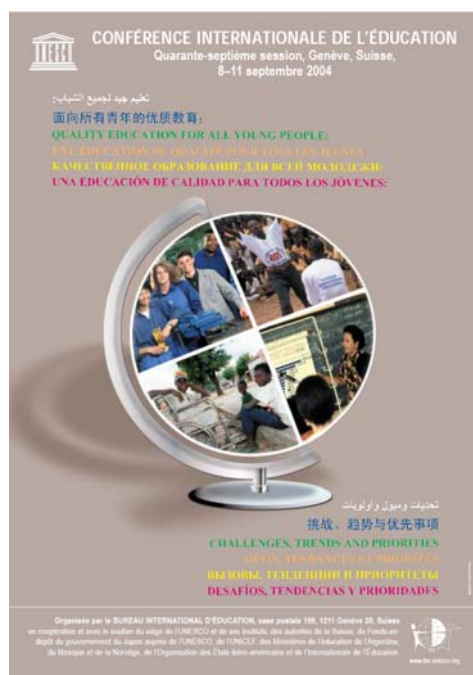
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

Forty-seventh session

International Conference Centre, Geneva
8-11 September 2004



PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Location of the Conference

1. The 47th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE), on the theme: “Quality education for all young people: challenges, trends and priorities”, will be held at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG), 15 rue Varembé, 1200 Geneva (tel.: (41.22) 791.91.11; fax: (41.22) 733.81.06).

Communications

2. The composition of the delegations to the ICE should be notified by 30 July 2001.

All communications concerning the Conference should be addressed to:

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Registration

3. For the first time in the history of the ICE, a security system will be put in place. In particular, all participants will have to be provided with a badge with an identifying photograph. All this will require a considerable amount of organization. In order to avoid any delays in the work of the Conference that might occur due to the large number of people registering at the desk counters on the 8th of September, we would be very grateful if you could carefully respect the registration deadline of 31 July 2004 stated in the letter of invitation, and send us a list with the names of your delegates accompanied by identification photos for each participant. Registration will be handled at the CICG on Tuesday, 7 September, from 9:00 a.m. to 21:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, 8 September, from 7:30 a.m. onwards.

Programming of the work of the Conference

4. The discussion themes and organization of the Conference are set out in the document “General Presentation of the 47th Session of the ICE” (ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/5) attached to the official letter of invitation from the Director-General of UNESCO.

The work of the Conference will follow the agenda, the provisional version of which is contained in Annex I.

The official opening of the Conference will take place on Wednesday, 8 September, at 9:30 a.m. precisely.

After the official opening ceremony and the introductory debate, there will be, from 12:00 to 13:15 p.m. the official celebration of the “International Literacy Day”.

The subsequent work (major debates, workshops, summing-up plenary meetings) will take place in accordance with the Provisional Organizational Chart reproduced as Annex II. The normal working hours will be from 10 a.m. to 13:00 p.m. and from 15:00 p.m. to 18:00 p.m.

At the closing meeting, the General Rapporteur will present an oral report summarizing all the work of the Conference (major debates, summing-up meetings). During the Conference, other results (workshop reports) will also be presented orally by the rapporteurs in the course of

the two summing-up plenary meetings. These documents will be translated after the Conference and will form part of the Final Report.

At the closing meeting, the delegates will be called upon to adopt a “Message to the World” and a short document of “Conclusions and proposals for action”, deriving directly from the work of the Conference. These documents will be made available in six languages before the closing meeting.

WORKING METHODS

5. In order to maximize the participation of delegates, the exchanges and open debates, **each workshop has been doubled** and discussions on the same themes will take place simultaneously in two different rooms. (See the provisional timetable of the 47th session of the ICE in *Annex II*.)
6. Each debate and each workshop will be organized in the form of a discussion panel. Three to five main speakers, representing various actors in the field of education (ministers, representatives of civil society, teachers, experts and others) and the various world regions, will be invited to sustain the first part of the debate, which will then be opened to ministers, heads of delegation and other delegates. The debate will be led by an experienced moderator, and a rapporteur will be assigned to each workshop.

We wish this 47th ICE session to be, for the ministers, truly their conference. The innovative methods introduced at the occasion of the 46th session should give ministers greater opportunities and freedom to express themselves, exchange views and discuss issues. They will be able to do this either during the two introductory and concluding debates or during the four thematic workshops, or again at the two plenary summing-up meetings, where ministers will have priority in taking the floor.

Participants are invited to choose the themes of special interest to them and to prepare short statements directly related to the topics addressed, so as to be able also to react to their colleagues' contributions. If they wish, they may also hand in to the Secretariat written contributions for circulation during the Conference.

Conference documents

7. The list of documents for the Conference is given in Annex III.

Working languages of the Conference

8. The Conference will have six working languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish for the plenary meetings and major debates.

The workshops will take place in English, French and Spanish.

Comenius Medal

9. The Comenius Medal, created jointly in 1992 by the Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic and UNESCO, and intended to reward initiatives and innovatory achievements in the field of educational research and innovation or exemplary engagement in a life of service in the field of education, will be awarded on the evening of Friday, 10 September, by the Director-General of UNESCO to prizewinners chosen among individual educators, groups of educators and institutions.

Other events

10. Special events will take place during the Conference, such as exhibitions and presentations of educational video programmes and the mini-website.

11. The detailed programme of these special events will be issued at the beginning of the Conference.

Other meetings during the ICE

12. Other meetings may take place in parallel with the work of the Conference. The programme for them will be issued at the beginning of the Conference.

Documentation Centre of the IBE

13. The Documentation Centre of the IBE, situated on the ground floor of the IBE building (15 route des Morillons, 1218 Grand-Saconnex; bus line F, stop Vie-des-Champs, or line 8, stop BIT (ILO)), and its library will be open to delegations throughout the Conference from 9:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m.

Public Holiday in Geneva

14. Thursday, 9 September is a public holiday (Young Genevois day). All businesses and public services will be closed on this day. Friday, 10 September is also a holiday for organizations within the United Nations System.

ANNEX I

PROVISIONAL AGENDA for the 47th session of the ICE

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Election of the President
3. Adoption of the Agenda (ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/1)
4. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the International Conference on Education
5. Election of the Vice-Presidents and of the Rapporteur of the Conference
6. Organization of the work of the Conference (ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/2)
7. Focus on the theme of the Conference: “Quality education for all young people: challenges, trends and priorities” (ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/3 and ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/4) (Plenary meetings, debates, workshops)
8. Presentation of the results of the work of the Conference by the Rapporteur
9. Adoption of the Conclusions and Proposals for Action of the 47th session of ICE
10. Closing of the Conference

ANNEX II

PROVISIONAL ORGANIGRAM FOR THE 47TH SESSION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

GENEVA, 8 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2004

<p>Wednesday 8 September morning</p>	<p><u>Opening meeting</u> from 9:30 a.m. <u>Introductory debate</u> : <i>“Responding to the educational needs of the young to bring about globalization with a human face”</i>. <u>Celebration of “International Literacy Day”</u></p>	
<p>afternoon</p>	<p>Workshops 1A/1B and 2A/2B</p>	
	<p><u>Workshop 1</u>: <i>“Quality Education and gender equality”</i></p>	<p><u>Workshop 2</u>: <i>“Quality Education and social inclusion”</i></p>
<p>Thursday 9 September morning</p>	<p><u>Plenary Meeting</u>: Synthesis of contributions in workshops 1 and 2 on the theme: <i>“Educating young people for action in favour of sustainable development, social cohesion and the construction of peace”</i></p>	
<p>afternoon</p>	<p>Workshops 3A/3B and 4A/4B</p>	
	<p><u>Workshop 3</u>: <i>“Quality Education and competencies for life”</i></p>	<p><u>Workshop 4</u>: <i>“Quality education and the key role of teachers”</i></p>
<p>Friday 10 September morning</p>	<p><u>Plenary Meeting</u>: Synthesis of contributions in workshops 3 and 4 on the theme: <i>“Educating young people for action in favour of sustainable development, social cohesion and the construction of peace”</i></p>	
<p>afternoon</p>	<p><u>Final Meeting</u> chaired by the Director General of UNESCO: <i>“Promoting partnerships for the right to a quality education for all young people”</i></p>	
<p>evening</p>	<p><u>Comenius medal</u> award ceremony</p>	
<p>Saturday 11 September morning</p>	<p><u>Closure of the 47th Session</u>: Presentation of the results of the Conference by the General Rapporteur and <u>approval of the final documents</u>. Closure of the Conference.</p>	

ANNEX III

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 47TH SESSION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION**

Working documents

ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/1	Provisional Agenda
ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/2	Draft organization of the work for the Conference
ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/3	Reference document on: "Quality education for all young people: challenges, trends and priorities"
ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/4	Document for assisting the two debates and the four workshops
ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/5	General Presentation of the 47th session of ICE
ED/BIE/CONFINTED 47/6	"Message to the World" and "Conclusions and Proposals for Action" arising from the 47th session of ICE

Information documents

A series of information documents, a guide for delegates, a provisional list of participants, a list of national reports presented at the Conference, a questionnaire on the results of the Conference, etc., will be prepared immediately before or during the Conference and will be distributed to participants.