

Annex 2: Colloquium Agenda

Curriculum Change and Social Cohesion in conflict-affected societies

Geneva – April 3rd & 4th, 2003

Thursday April 3, 2003

- 08h30 – 09h00** Registration
- 09h00 – 09h15** **Welcome address**, Dr. Cecilia Braslavsky, Director IBE
- 09h15 – 09h45** **Introduction to Case Study Project**, Sobhi Tawil, IBE
- 09h45 – 10h30** Keynote address: **'Education, conflict and social cohesion'**
Dr. Alan Smith, UNESCO Chair, School of Education, University of Ulster

10h30 – 10h45 **Break**

10h45 – 12h30 **Social Division, Identity-based conflict,
and Nature of Peace**

Brief presentations by each case study context followed by discussion

12h30 – 14h00 **Lunch**

14h00 – 15h30 **Rationales for curriculum policy change:**
How is schooling both a potential catalyst of conflict and a factor of reconciliation?

Brief overview by each case study context of characteristics of education system followed by presentation of rationales for curriculum policy change in relation to conflict.

15h30 – 15h45 **Break**

15h45 – 18h00 ***Presentation of rationales continued
and gathering of questions***

Friday April 4, 2003

09h00 – 09h30 ***Curriculum Development in Afghanistan,***
Abdul Nabi Wahidi & Nazar Mohammad Karyar, Ministry of Education, Kabul

Brief presentation on process of drafting national curriculum framework

09h30 – 10:30 ***Rationales for curriculum policy change:***

Questions/Discussion based on previous day's presentations

10h30 – 11h00	Break
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11h00 – 12h30 ***Dialogue, Resistance and Consensus:
Challenges posed by Sensitive Learning Content***

Cultural / Language Policies

- Guatemala
- Mozambique
- Sri Lanka

Brief presentations by each case study context followed by questions and discussion.

12h30 – 14h00	Lunch
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14h00 – 15h30 ***Dialogue, Resistance and Consensus:
Challenges posed by Sensitive Learning Content***

Social Studies; Civics; Citizenship

- Lebanon
- Northern Ireland
- Rwanda

Brief presentations by each case study context followed by questions and discussion.

15h30 – 16h00	Break
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16h00 – 17h30 **General Discussion**

17h30 – 17:45 **Closing Remarks, Dr. Cecilia Braslavsky, Director IBE**