# Preliminary Programme

## Sunday, 24 February 2008

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| 16.00  | Meeting of the conference steering committee (including moderators and rapporteurs)  
  Venue: University of Latvia                                                |
| 18.00  | Opening of the exhibition                                               
  Venue: Lobby of the University of Latvia                                 |

## Monday, 25 February 2008

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| 8.00 – 9.00 | Registration of the participants                                      
  Venue: In front of the Aula Magna of the University of Latvia             |
| 9.00 – 10.00 | Official opening of the conference                                      
  Welcome speeches by:  
  - Prof. Tačjana Koke, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia  
  - Prof. Mārcis Auziņš, Rector of the University of Latvia  
  - Ms. Clementina Acedo, Director of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education  
  - A Representative of the European Commission  
  - Latvian cultural performance by Jazeps Medins Music School Boys’ Choir  
  Moderated by Mr. Rolands Ozols, Secretary General of the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO  
  Venue: Aula Magna of the University of Latvia                                 |
| 10.00 – 11.30 | Introductory plenary session – Theory and Practice of Inclusive Education:  
  Continuous Challenges and New Approaches                                           
  Key – note speeches by:  
  - Mr. Charles Beer, Minister of Education of Geneva (Switzerland)  
  - Mr. Cor Meijer, Director of the European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education  
  - Dr. Sai Väyrynen (Ms), Inclusive Education Adviser and Researcher of Finland, Adviser to Ministry of Education and Vocational Training of Tanzania  
  Moderated by Alexandre Sannikov, Regional Education Advisor for Europe of UNESCO  
  Venue: Aula Magna of the University of Latvia                                 |
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| 12.00 – 13.30| **Panel Discussion – Inclusive Education and Social Cohesion: Some International Perspectives** Panelists:  
- Ms. Marta Lafuente, Vice Minister of Education of Paraguay  
- Mr. Ali Bubshait, Education Specialist, Gulf Arab States Educational Research Centre (GASERC), Kuwait  
- Mr. Godswill Obioma, Executive Secretary of the National Education Research and Development Council (NERDC), Nigeria  
- Mr Gabriele Mazza, Directorate of School, Out-of-School and Higher Education, Council of Europe  

*Moderated by Clementina Acedo, Director of UNESCO International Bureau of Education  
Venue: Aula Magna of the University of Latvia* |
| 13.30 – 15.00| Lunch                                                                |

*Moderated by Mr. Mareks Gruškevics, State Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia  
Venue: Aula Magna of the University of Latvia* |
| 16.30 – 17.00| Coffee Break                                                        |
| 17.00 – 18.30| **Roundtable discussion with representatives from the Ministries of Education of the European and North American Region - Inclusive Education Policies and Practices in Europe and the North American Region**  

*Moderated by Mr. Mareks Gruškevics, State Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia  
Venue: Aula Magna of the University of Latvia* |
| 18.30        | **End of the working day**                                          |
| 19.30        | Reception hosted by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia  
*Venue: Museum of the History of Riga and Navigation* |

**Tuesday, 26 February 2008**

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| 9.00 – 11.00 | **Simultaneous workshops – Inclusive Education: Conceptual and Practical Issues (based on the experiences of European and North-American countries**  
*Venue: University of Latvia*  
Workshop 1 - Special needs education  
* Experts presentations followed by discussions*  
Workshop 2 – Different learner needs and learning styles and how to address them meaningfully  
* Experts presentations followed by discussions*  
Workshop 3 – Pedagogical management of diversity  
* Experts presentations followed by discussions*  
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* Experts presentations followed by discussions  |
| 13.00 – 15.00 | Lunch |
| 15.00 – 16.30 | Closing session - Inclusive Education from Policy Dialogue to Collaborative Action  
- Plenary presentation of workshop outcomes  
- Presentation by the General Rapporteur: outcomes of the conference and the way forward  
- Reactions to the General Rapporteur’s presentation  
- Evaluation of the conference  
Moderated by a representative of European Commission  
Venue: Aula Magna of the University of Latvia |
| 16.30 – 17.00 | Official closing of the conference  
- Prof. Tatjana Koke, Minister of Education and Science of Latvia  
- Mr. Alexandre Sannikov, Regional Education Adviser for Europe, UNESCO  
Moderated by Mr. Rolands Ozols, Secretary General of the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO  
Venue: Aula Magna of the University of Latvia |