



ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review
Regional Preparatory meeting for Africa
**“The right to Education for All in Africa:
Reinforcing quality and equity”**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

12 April 2011
Lomé, Togo

11 April 2011

3:00 pm onwards Registration (for delegates who have already arrived at the hotel)

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08:00 a.m. Registration

Opening Session and Key note

09:00 a.m. – **Chair and Welcome Address: H.E. Ms. Essossimna Legzim-Balouki**, Minister of
09:45 a.m. Literacy and Primary and Secondary Education, Republic of Togo

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls, Vice-President, United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, New York

Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA

Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, African Centre for Gender and Social Development, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Key note speech: H.E. Mr. Gilbert Fossoun Hougbo, Prime Minister, Republic of Togo

Session I: Education and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals: Progress, Challenges and the Path to Equity

09:45 a.m. – **Chair: Dr. Lansana Nyalley**, Deputy Minister of Education, Science and Technology,
11:15 a.m. Sierra Leone

Presentations:

- **Ms. Yumiko Yokozeki**, Regional Education Adviser, UNICEF Western and Central African Regional Office
- **Mr. Kishore Singh**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- World Bank representative (tbc)

Discussant: Mr. Gorgui Sow, Regional Coordinator, African Network Campaign on Education for All (ANCEFA)

Discussion

11:15 a.m. – Coffee Break
11:30 a.m.

Session II: Rights-based approach to inclusive quality education

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Chair: H.E. Ms. Marie Odile Bonkougou**, Minister of Basic Education and Literacy, Burkina Faso

Presentations:

- **Mrs. Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta**, Director, BREDa, UNESCO
- **Mr. Mustapha Darboe**, Regional Director for Southern, Eastern and Central Africa, World Food Programme
- **Ms. Assibi Napoe**, Chief Regional Coordinator for Africa, Education International

Discussant: Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, African Centre for Gender and Social Development, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Discussion

01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m. Lunch Break

Session III: Country Experiences and Best Practices

02:30 p.m. – 04:00 p.m. **Chair: H.E. Ms. Betty Mould Iddrisu**, Minister of Education, Ghana

National Case Studies:

- **H.E. Mr. Kalidou Diallo**, Minister of Education, Republic of Senegal
- **H.E. Mr. Kennet Gbagi**, Minister of State for Education, Nigeria
- **H.E. Ms. Fernanda Marques**, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Culture, Cape Verde (tbc)
- **Ms. Damyunty Brizmohun**, Senior Educator (State Secondary School), Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Mauritius

Private Sector Perspective: Mr. Mamadou Goumble, Country Senior Officer, Alcatel-Lucent

Discussant: Mr. Jean-Marie Ahlin Byll-Cataria, Executive Secretary, Association for Development of Education in Africa (ADEA)

Discussion

04:00 p.m. – 04:15 p.m. Coffee Break

Session IV: Key Policy Messages for the 2011 ECOSOC AMR

04:15 p.m. – **Chair: H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls, Vice-President**, United Nations Economic and Social
05:45 p.m. Council (ECOSOC), Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, New
York

Youth Perspective:

Ms. Marielle Degboe, Executive Director, Magnolia NGO, Benin

NEPAD Perspective:

Prof. Mzobz Mboya, Education, Training & Youth, Policy Alignment and
Programme Development, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency

Donor Perspective:

Mr. Frank Boahene, Education Analyst, African Development Bank (tbc)

Overview of the way forward in African education:

Prof. Jean-Pierre Ezin, Commissioner for Human Resources Science and
Technology, African Union

Synthesis and conclusion of African position :

Executive Secretary of Conference of Ministers of Education of French
Speaking Countries (CONFEMEN) (tbc)

Discussion

05:45 p.m. – **Closing remarks:**
06:00 p.m.

H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls, Vice-President, United Nations Economic and Social
Council (ECOSOC), Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United
Nations, New York

Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination,
UNDESA

H.E. Ms. Essossimna Legzim-Balouki, Minister of Literacy and Primary and
Secondary Education, Republic of Togo