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Programme of meetings and agenda

Wednesday, 6 July 2011

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High-level segment

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room XIX

1. Annual ministerial review

   National voluntary presentation: Pakistan

   Moderator:
   Ms. Carol Bellamy, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Education For All Fast Track Initiative

   Presentor:
   Ms. Nafisa Shah, Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan

   Interactive discussion

2. High-level segment

   Special panel discussion on “Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable growth for accelerating poverty eradication and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals”

   Moderator:
   Mr. Juan Somavía, Director-General of the International Labour Organization

   Panellists:
   Mr. Zhu Min, Special Advisor to the Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
   Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
   Mr. Cho Tae-yul, Ambassador for Development Cooperation of the Republic of Korea

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Ms. Frances Stewart, Director of the Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE), University of Oxford

Ms. Esther Duflo, Abdul Latif Jameel Professor of Poverty Alleviation and Development Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Interactive discussion

3–6 p.m. .............. 18th meeting ................................................. Conference Room XIX

High-level segment .............................................................. [2]

Annual ministerial review: Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education (E/2011/83) ...................... [2 (b)]

Thematic discussion: Current global and national trends and challenges and their impact on education (E/2011/82) ........................................... [2 (c)]

Continuation of the general debate

H.E. Mr. Frederick D. Barton, Representative of the United States to the Economic and Social Council

H.E. Mr. Fernando Rojas, Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. A. Gopinathan, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in Geneva

H.E. Dr. Shukuru Kawambwa, Minister for Education and Vocational Training of the United Republic of Tanzania

H.E. Mr. Rubén Darío Reinoso, Vice-Minister for Academic Development, Ministry of the People’s Power for High-level Education, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Ms. Nafisa Shah, Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan

H.E. Dr. V.K. Bunwaree, Minister for Education and Human Resources of Mauritius

H.E. Mr. Peter Gooderham, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. He Yafei, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Vesna Vuković, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Mykola Maimeskul, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Jean-Baptiste Mattéi, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Sang-ki Park, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations in Geneva

H.E. Mrs. Latifa Labida, Minister in Charge of School Education of Morocco
H.E. Mr. Roberto Flores Bermúdez, Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations in Geneva
H.E. Mrs. Maria Nazareth Farani Azevêdo, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations in Geneva
H.E. Mr. Kristinn F. Árnason, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations in Geneva
Mr. Luvuyo Ndimeni, Chargé d’affaires, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations in Geneva
H.E. Mr. Hamza Omar Hassan Ahmed, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Sudan in Geneva
H.E. Monsignor Silvano M. Tomasi, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer for the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva

3–6 p.m. ................ Parallel meeting ................................. Conference Room XVII

Annual ministerial review ........................................... [2 (b)]

National voluntary presentations: Turkey, Mexico (E/2011/95 and E/2011/95/Add.1) and Qatar (E/2011/93)

Moderator:
Ms. Carol Bellamy, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Education For All Fast-Track Initiative

Presentors:
H.E. Mr. Oğuz Demiralp, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations in Geneva and to other international organizations in Switzerland

Interactive discussion

Mr. Mario Chacón, General Director of International Relations of the Secretary of Public Education of Mexico

Interactive discussion

H.E. Mr. Saad bin Ibrahim al-Mahmoud, Minister of Education and Higher Education of Qatar

Interactive discussion


[The list of side events on the occasion of the high-level segment of the 2011 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council can be consulted at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/julyhls/pdf11/hls_side_events_2011.pdf>.]

[The Conference Room XII will be made available for use by all accredited non-governmental organizations for them to meet during the high-level segment of the 2011 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council. For further information, please contact M. Ricardo Espinosa, Chief, NGO Liaison Office (e-mail respinosa@unog.ch; tel. +41 (0) 22 917-2127). The NGO Resources and Services Center, located in room E-2, by the cafeteria, is open daily from 8.30 a.m. and also provides meeting spaces, computers and access to Internet to all accredited non-governmental organizations.]
Other activities

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Wednesday, 6 July 2011

Event on “Forging innovative partnerships for disaster risk reduction education” (organized by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) Office in Geneva)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room XXVI.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Christel Rose, Regional Offices Support and Coordination Unit, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (e-mail rosec@un.org; tel. +41 (0) 22 917-8355).]

Press conferences

Wednesday, 6 July 2011

Conference Room III

9.45 a.m.  Press conference on “Accelerating poverty eradication and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals” [Moderator: United Nations Information Service] [Participants: Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General of the International Labour Organization; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; and Ms. Frances Stewart, Director of the Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE), University of Oxford]

3.30 p.m.  Ms. Francesca Perucci, Chief, Statistical Planning and Development Section, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (on the content of the Millennium Development Goals Report 2011, to be launched by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, on Thursday, 7 July) (via video link)
Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 7 July 2011

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High-level segment

10 a.m.–1 p.m. .... 19th meeting . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Conference Room XIX
High-level segment . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . [2]

Special policy dialogue on “Education challenges in Africa and the LDCs”
Interactive discussion

3–3.30 p.m. .... 20th meeting . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Conference Room XVII
High-level segment . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . [2]

Keynote address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Statement by Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University (via video link)

3.30–6.30 p.m. .... Parallel meeting . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Conference Room XIX
High-level segment . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . [2]

Annual ministerial review: Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education (E/2011/83) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . [2 (b)]
Thematic discussion: Current global and national trends and challenges and their impact on education (E/2011/82) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . [2 (c)]
Continuation of the general debate
Nepal
Guinea
Organization of the Islamic Conference
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
International Association of Economic and Social councils and Similar Institutions
United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

3.30–6.30 p.m. .... Parallel meeting . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Conference Room XVII
Annual ministerial review . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . [2 (b)]

National voluntary presentations:
Mauritius (E/2011/94)
Interactive discussion
Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal informal consultations, convened by the delegations of El Salvador and Poland, co-facilitators of the draft resolution on the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Thursday, 7 July 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room XXIV.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 5 July 2011

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15th meeting

High-level policy dialogue with the international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy

The President of the Council welcomed the panellists and the moderator for the high-level policy dialogue.

The dialogue was moderated by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and the panellists were: Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General, World Trade Organization; Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; and Mr. Otaviano Canuto dos Santos Filho, Vice-President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank.

Following the presentations by the panellists, an interactive discussion ensued, during which interventions were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Japan, China and the United States, as well as by the observers for Honduras and Pakistan.
Statements were also made by the Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the Deputy Executive Director of the International Trade Centre.

The panellists responded to the comments made and the questions raised during the dialogue.

The President of the Council suspended the meeting.

High-level segment .................................... [2]

Special policy dialogue on “Education for sustainable development”

The President resumed the meeting.

The President made an opening statement and welcomed the panellists and the moderator for the special policy dialogue.

The dialogue was moderated by Mr. Ashok Khosla, Founder and President of Development Alternatives, India, and the panellists were: Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University (via video link); Ms. Irina Bukova, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Following the opening statement by the moderator, presentations were made by the panellists.

The moderator made concluding remarks.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the President of the Council.

16th meeting (parallel) High-level segment .................................... [2]

Annual ministerial review: Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education .................................................... [2 (b)]

Thematic discussion: Current global and national trends and challenges and their impact on education ......................................................... [2 (c)]

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs introduced documents E/2011/83 and E/2011/82.

The Chair of the Committee for Development Policy provided highlights from the report of the Committee on its thirteenth session (E/2011/33).

General debate

The Council began its general debate and the President made a statement.

The Council heard statements by H.E. Mr. Jorge Argüello, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations in New York (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. Ms. Grażyna Bernatowicz, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. Mr. David Namwandi, Deputy Minister for Education of Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community and also on behalf of Namibia); H.E. Mr. Jean Assleborn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg; H.E. Dr. Ahmed Gamal El-Din Moussa, Minister for Education of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Muhammad Nuh, Minister for National Education of Indonesia; H.E. Dr. Pinda Simão, Minister for Education of
Angola; H.E. Mr. Sam Ongeri, Minister for Education of Kenya; H.E. Mr. Séraphin Moundounga, Minister for National Education, Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation and Culture of Gabon; H.E. Mr. Dennis Alonzo Mazariegos, Minister of Education of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Martin Dahinden, Secretary of State, Director of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation; H.E. Mr. Ikouo Yamahana, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. Mrs. Milena Damyanova, Deputy Minister for Education, Youth and Science of Bulgaria; H.E. Mr. Mahmud Mammad-Quliyev, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Gennady Gatilov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Mr. Gamini Vijith Vijayamuni Zoysa, Deputy Minister for Education of Sri Lanka; H.E. Mr. Francisco Varela, Under-Secretary (Vice-Minister), Department of Education of the Philippines; H.E. Mr. Miloš Kotorec, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council and the Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations in New York; H.E. Mr. Jorma Julin, Director-General, Department for Development Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland; H.E. Ms. Lauma Sika, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia; H.E. Mr. Pedro Oyarce, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations in Geneva; H.E. Mr Jüri Seilenthal, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations in Geneva; H.E. Mr. Claude Heller, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in New York; and H.E. Ms. Paulette A. Bethel, Permanent Representative of the Bahamas to the United Nations in New York.

16th meeting (parallel) Annual ministerial review: Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education .................................. [2 (b)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The presentations and the ensuing discussions were moderated by Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Administrator and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Development Programe.

National voluntary presentation: Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

The Council heard a presentation by H.E. Mr. Rubén Darío Reinoso, Vice-Minister of Academic Development of the Ministry of Higher Education of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Comments were made and questions were raised by the representative of China and by the observer for Cuba, as reviewers of the presentation. In the ensuing discussion, comments were made and questions were raised by the representative of Chile and by the observers for the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the United Republic of Tanzania.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

H.E. Mr. Rubén Darío Reinoso responded to comments made and questions raised by the reviewers and delegations.

National voluntary presentation: Bangladesh

The Council heard a presentation by H.E. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, Minister for Education of Bangladesh.

Comments were made and questions were raised by the representatives of Qatar and Japan and by the observer for the United Republic of Tanzania, as reviewers of the presentation. In the ensuing discussion, comments were made and questions were raised by the representative of India and by the observer for Cuba.
H.E. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid and Mr. Abdul Awal Mazumder, Secretary for the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education of Bangladesh, responded to comments made and questions raised by the reviewers and delegations.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the President of the Council.

Corrigendum

to the summary of the 13th meeting of the substantive session of 2011 of the Economic and Social Council (see Journal No. 2, p. 8): The fourth paragraph under agenda item 2 should read as follows:

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Food Programme, also on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

Information for participants

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Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all segments are indicated below. If no specific reference is made to a list of speakers, it implies that no such list is being maintained. The lists are open for inscription. The deadlines for inscription are indicated in the relevant paragraphs below. Requests for inscription on the lists of speakers should be sent, in writing, indicating the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Council (Ms. Lorna Fidler (e-mail fidler@un.org)). In order to accommodate all requests for inscription, statements during the general debate of the high-level segment and during all other segments will be limited to five minutes, with the understanding that the full texts of the statements can be circulated in the meeting room.

High-level segment (4–8 July (morning))

A list of speakers will be maintained only for the general debate of the high-level segment, to be continued today, 6 July, from 3 to 6 p.m., and Thursday, 7 July, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. The list will close by 5 p.m., the preceding day. A detailed programme of the high-level segment is available on the Web site of the Council <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/julyhls/pdf11/11_hls_programme_2011.pdf>.
Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions (8 July (afternoon))

Panel discussion on the topic “Regional cooperation as a catalyst for development: examples from the regions”

There will be no established list of speakers.

Coordination segment (11–14 July (morning))

A list of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of agenda items 4, 6 (a), 7 (a) and 7 (e). The list will close by 5 p.m. on the day before the general discussion of the items. A detailed programme for the segment is available on the Web site of the Council <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/julyhls/pdf11/11_cs-hls_programme.pdf>.

Operational activities segment (14 July (afternoon)–19 July (morning))

A list of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of item 3. The list will close by 5 p.m. on the day before the general discussion of the item. A detailed programme for the segment is available on the Web site of the Council <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/julyhls/pdf11/11_oa-hls_programme.pdf>.

Informal event to discuss the transition from relief to development (19 July (morning))

Panel discussion on the topic “The role of the United Nations and the international community in supporting the capacity of the Government of South Sudan to manage the transition”

There will be no established list of speakers.

Humanitarian affairs segment (19 July (afternoon)–21 July)

A list of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of item 5. The list will close by 5 p.m. on the day before the general discussion of the item. A detailed programme of the segment will be posted on the Web site of the Council shortly.

General segment (22–28 July)

Lists of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of each item under the general segment. The lists will close by 5 p.m. on the day before the consideration of the item. A detailed programme of the segment is available on the Web site of the Council <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/julyhls/pdf11/11_gs-hls_programme.pdf>.

Conclusion of work (29 July)

The Council will conclude its work of its substantive session of 2011 on Friday, 29 July.

Registration and accreditation

List of participants

Delegations should send, in writing, on the official letterhead, the names and titles of the members of their delegations (please indicate clearly the head and alternate head of delegation) as they would like them to appear in the official list of participants. Please send this composition of delegation to the secretariat of the Council by e-mail (Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)), as soon as possible, but no later than 25 July 2011. The list of participants will be issued as part of the official documents of the session.

Statements

In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide 40 copies of their statements to the Conference Officers. Delegations wishing to have the full text of statements circulated in the meeting should provide 250 copies of the same to the Conference Officers.

Press releases

The daily press releases issued during the 2011 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council are available on the Web site of the United Nations Office at Geneva. To access the list, please click here.