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## **SIXTH HIGH-LEVEL GROUP MEETING ON EDUCATION FOR ALL**

Cairo, Egypt

14 to 16 November 2006



**GENERAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

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## **I. Meeting Venue**

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1. The Sixth High-Level Group Meeting on Education for All will be held from 14 to 16 November 2006 at the Mena House Oberoi Hotel, Cairo, Egypt.
2. Mena House Oberoi is a five-star hotel, established in 1869. It is located in the Giza district of Cairo at the base of the Great Pyramids. The hotel, situated in 40 acres of gardens, is located about 15 km from the city centre and is a 45-minute drive from Cairo International airport.
3. The High-Level Group Secretariat will be at the meeting venue from Monday, 13 November 2006. All correspondence, including personal mail, should be addressed as follows:

**Mena House Oberoi, Cairo**

Pyramids' Road

Giza, Cairo

Egypt

Tel: (202) 377 3222

(202) 377 3444

Fax: (202) 376 7777

Email correspondence should be sent to the following email address:

[m.konin@unesco.org](mailto:m.konin@unesco.org)

4. Up to Friday, 10 November 2006, correspondence and inquiries, with the exception of requests for hotel reservations<sup>1</sup>, should be addressed to:

The Education Sector

Division for the Coordination of UN Priorities for Education for All

UNESCO

7, Place de Fontenoy

75352 Paris 07 SP,

France

Telephone: +33 1 45 68 08 35 or +33 1 45 68 10 81

Fax: +33 1 45 68 56 26/29

E-mail: [m.konin@unesco.org](mailto:m.konin@unesco.org); [a.ghebray@unesco.org](mailto:a.ghebray@unesco.org)

5. During the Meeting, participants can collect their mail at the meeting reception desk.

## **II. Registration of Participants and Information Service**

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6. Participants may register at the meeting reception desk at the Mena House Oberoi Hotel or the Meridien Pyramids Hotel on Monday, 13 November from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Tuesday, 14 November from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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<sup>1</sup> For Hotel reservations, please see **XVII Accommodation**, paragraph 31, page 7

7. To enable us to prepare conference badges in advance, please email your name, title and country to [m.konin@unesco.org](mailto:m.konin@unesco.org).
8. During the Meeting, the reception will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Participants will receive a complete set of meeting documents, an identification badge and other necessary documentation. They are requested to wear their badge for the duration of the meeting to facilitate identification and contact with other participants and members of the UNESCO Secretariat.

### **III. Opening Ceremony**

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9. The Opening Ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. on Tuesday 14 November at the Mena House Oberoi. Participants are advised to take their seats by 4 p.m. at the latest.
- \* Participants will be notified of any changes in the time.

### **IV. Working Sessions**

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10. The working sessions will take place at the following times:
    - Day I (14 November): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. (to be confirmed)
    - Day II (15 November): 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
    - Day III (16 November): 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
- \* Participants will be notified of any changes in the time.

### **V. Meeting Documents**

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11. Working documents will be provided as follows:
  - High-Level Group Programme (English and French)
  - EFA Global Monitoring Report 2007 (English)
  - Summary of the EFA Global Monitoring Report 2007 (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)

### **VI. Working Languages**

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12. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

### **VII. Press Liaison Office**

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13. Facilities will be provided to representatives of the press to enable them to follow the proceedings of the meeting.

## **VIII. Facilities available at the Meeting Venue**

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14. The following facilities will be provided on the premises:

- Telephone and fax
- Document reproduction and assembly workshop

15. The cost of using these facilities will be borne by the user.

## **IX. Entry Formalities for Egypt**

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16. Upon confirmation of participation in the meeting, the Egyptian authorities will issue a formal letter of invitation. All participants entering Egypt must be in possession of a valid passport and an entry visa. Participants are advised to make inquiries about entry requirements in their country of residence. Participants residing in a country where Egypt does not have a resident Diplomatic Mission are advised to obtain entry visas from the Mission closest to their country of residence.

17. Alternatively, participants should contact:

<b>Ministry of Education of Egypt</b>	<b>UNESCO Paris</b>	<b>UNESCO Cairo Office</b>
Contact: Mr. Ayman Rizk	Contact: Ms Mary Konin	Contact: Ms. Cherine Meshad
Tel: + 202 578 7643/4 Fax: + 202 796 2952/ 202 794 7502	Tel: + 33 1 45 68 08 35 Fax: + 33 1 45 68 56 27	Tel: + 202 7945599/ + 202 794 3036 Fax: + 202 7945296
<u>Email:</u> <a href="mailto:aym10000egy@yahoo.com">aym10000egy@yahoo.com</a>	<u>Email:</u> <a href="mailto:m.konin@unesco.org">m.konin@unesco.org</a>	<u>E-mail:</u> <a href="mailto:s.meshad@mail.unesco.org.eg">s.meshad@mail.unesco.org.eg</a>

## **X. Health Regulations**

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18. Participants are advised to consult their travel agency, airline or national vaccination centre to obtain all necessary information.

19. Please consult your doctor before departure for advice on health precautions and the best preventive treatment in your case.

20. The security situation in Cairo is classified as Phase I. UN employees should contact Mr. Robert Adolph ([robert.adolph@undp.org](mailto:robert.adolph@undp.org) or +20 2 394 9043, +20 2 578 4840) for further details on the security situation and security clearance procedures. Non-UN employees should contact their embassies.

## **XI. Arrivals and Departures**

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21. Participants will be met upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, in one of the three Terminals: Terminal 1 (Old Airport), Terminal 2 or Terminal 3 (New Airport).
22. All participants are requested to inform the local organizers of their flight schedule by **9 November 2006** to ensure prompt pick-up.

Contact: Ministry of Education of Egypt  
Contact: Mr. Ayman Rizk  
Tel: + 202 5787643/4  
Fax: +202 7962952/ +202 7947502  
E-mail: [aym10000egy@yahoo.com](mailto:aym10000egy@yahoo.com)

*NB.* Pick-up cannot be assured for persons who have not confirmed their flight schedule by 9 November 2006. If this is the case, please take a taxi from the airport to the hotel. Taxis are generally reliable and equipped with meters. The journey from the airport to the hotel should cost no more than US\$25.00, including airport highway toll fee, and will take approximately one hour, depending on traffic conditions. The Capital Taxi Company (yellow taxis) provides a reliable airport service, and can be reached at 01 09 99 20 92 from Cairo and at +2 01 09 99 20 92 from abroad.

23. Protocol officers will assist participants with immigration formalities at Cairo International Airport.
24. VIP participants will be welcomed in the VIP Lounge.

## **XII. Local Transport**

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25. The local organizers will provide local transportation for participants.

## **XIII. Customs Formalities**

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26. Please check with your travel agent or the local Egyptian Embassy.

## **XIV. Currency**

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27. The currency in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP).
28. The exchange rate as of October 2006 is 5.74 EGP to the U.S. dollar and 7.20 EGP to the Euro. Please note that the Egyptian Pound is a convertible currency. When leaving Egypt, surplus pounds can be re-exchanged upon presentation of the initial exchange receipt.

## **XV. Climate and Clothing**

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29. November is early autumn in Cairo. Average temperatures vary between 14 and 24 degrees Celsius. Light winter clothing is recommended for the evening.

## **XVI. Electricity**

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30. Electrical voltage/frequency in Egypt is 220 Volts, 50 Hz.

## **XVII. Accommodation**

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31. All participants are invited to make their own hotel reservations. The room rates indicated for both hotels below are special negotiated discount rates for HLG participants only.

The addresses, room rates and contact details of the hotels are as follows:

### **Mena House Oberoi, Cairo**

Pyramids' Road

Giza, Cairo

Egypt

Tel: (202) 377 3222 or (202) 377 3444

Fax: (202) 376 7777

Email: [obmhogm@oberoi.com.eg](mailto:obmhogm@oberoi.com.eg)

Website: <http://www.oberoimenahouse.com>

<b>Room types</b>	<b>Rates (USD\$)*</b>
Single	\$100 USD
Double	\$190 USD
Executive Suite	\$600 USD
Deluxe Suite	\$990 USD
Presidential Suite	\$1,450 USD

\*Prices include breakfast. They do **not** include taxes and services charge.

Reservations for **the Mena House Oberoi, Cairo** can be made through the local organizers, as follows:

Ms. Cherine Meshad

E-mail: [s.meshad@mail.unesco.org.eg](mailto:s.meshad@mail.unesco.org.eg)

Mr. Ayman Rizk

Email: [aym10000egy@yahoo.com](mailto:aym10000egy@yahoo.com)

### **Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel**

El Remaya Square

Pyramids

PO Box 25 Pyramids

Cairo 12561

Egypt

Tel: (202) 377 3388

Email: contact via Website

Website:

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/lemeridien/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1807>

<b>Room types</b>	<b>Rates (USD\$)**</b>
Single	\$79 USD
Double	\$104 USD
Suite	\$218 USD

\*\*Prices are all-inclusive.

Reservations for the Meridien Pyramids hotel can be made through the local organizers, at the following email address: [\*\*montecarlo@link.net\*\*](mailto:montecarlo@link.net)

## **XVIII. Local Time**

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32. The local time is GMT+2.

## **XIX. General Information**

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33. Please see the Government of Egypt's website for general information about the country:  
<http://wwwsis.gov.eg>

34. For detailed information about Egypt's tourist attractions, consult  
<http://www.sis.gov.eg/En/Tourism/>

35. For any questions, concerns or comments please contact: [hlefa6\\_cairo@email.emoe.org](mailto:hlefa6_cairo@email.emoe.org)  
For more information about the HLG meeting and EFA, please check the following  
Websites:

UNESCO Website: <http://www.unesco.org/education>

Egyptian Government website : <http://www.emoe.org/Events/inside.aspx?sub1=hlefa6>