



Collective Consultation of NGOs
ON EDUCATION FOR ALL
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EN EDUCACIÓN PARA TODOS



What is the Collective Consultation of NGOs on Education for All?

The Collective Consultation of NGOs on Education for All (CCNGO/EFA) is a key mechanism within the Education Sector created to facilitate reflection, continuous dialogue and joint action between NGOs and UNESCO in the area of Education for All (EFA).

Its purpose is to:

- Broaden and promote the concept of EFA within the perspective of lifelong learning
- Reinforce recognition of the roles, contributions and experiences of civil society organisations in EFA so that these more directly influence national, regional and international education policies and programmes in EFA
- Mobilise the participation of civil society organisations in monitoring and evaluating EFA goals
- Strengthen the diverse capacities of civil society organisations, particularly at the national and regional levels
- Facilitate joint action and cooperation among civil society organisations in EFA through networking and exchanging experiences

Objectives and Strategies of the CCNGO/EFA

The important role of civil society in EFA was recognised by the international community at Dakar which committed to « ensure the engagement and participation of civil society in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of strategies for educational development » (Paragraph 8.iii of the Dakar Framework for Action). The CCNGO/EFA, during its last Annual Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand (July, 2001), agreed on the following objectives and strategies:

Objectives

- Strengthen the involvement of civil society organisations in all the post-Dakar follow-up activities at international, regional and national levels
- Facilitate the collaboration of CCNGO/EFA organisations with education specialists at UNESCO headquarters, regional field offices and institutes and with other EFA partners
- Facilitate interaction and exchange among civil society organisations for capacity-building
- Promote EFA activities at national, regional and international levels

Strategies

- Reinforce the role and contribution of civil society organisations in policy formulation and planning of education at all levels, particularly within the framework of national EFA plans
- Reinforce civil society capacity in developing and conducting lifelong learning programmes / activities
- Reinforce joint efforts in monitoring and evaluating EFA Goals
- Assess, document, disseminate and develop the contributions and innovations of civil society organisations in EFA
- Improve communication in the framework of the CCNGO/EFA network
- Reinforce dialogue with the international partners to honour their commitments in order to achieve the EFA goals and targets set in Dakar

Participation in the CCNGO/EFA

The following may be part of the CCNGO/EFA:

1. All civil society organisations working on EFA and maintaining official relations with UNESCO
2. Non-governmental, and non-profit organisations and networks of organisations working in the field of EFA who request membership in the CCNGO/EFA

Coordination of the CC NGO/EFA

A Coordination Group has been set up to ensure, in collaboration with UNESCO, the follow-up of activities and to serve as the interface between the Dakar follow-up programmes and mechanisms and the CCNGO/EFA.

The Coordination Group is composed of 8 representatives of civil society organisations, including 5 regional focal points, 2 international focal points and 1 representative of the UNESCO/NGO Liaison Committee.

UNESCO's Education Sector has designated a focal point and will establish a contact team to assist in the coordination of the CCNGO/EFA (Susanne Schnuttgen, tel. 0033 1 45 68 21 41 /08 98; e-mail: ccngo.efa@unesco.org).

Composition of the Coordination Group

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