

Practical Information

Venue

The World Education Forum will take place at the conference centre of Le Méridien Président Hotel. Set in a 35-acre coastal park only 15 minutes outside the city centre of Dakar, the hotel is an excellent location for the deliberations of the Forum.

Programme

The World Education Forum will host a stimulating mixture of general and specialized discussions, covering the full spectrum of Education for All issues.

Six main plenary sessions will cover the major themes in education:

- ❑ Improving the Quality and Equity of Education for All
- ❑ Making Effective Use of Resources for Education
- ❑ Co-operating with Civil Society to Achieve Social Goals through Education
- ❑ Promoting Education for Democracy and Citizenship
- ❑ Fulfilling Our Shared Commitment to Education for All
- ❑ Taking Off in the New Millennium: The New EFA Alliance

They will be followed by discussions in strategy sessions organized by specialist agencies, non-governmental organizations and other groups covering such topics as:

- ❑ Girls' education; eliminating child labour; fighting poverty; health and nutrition; HIV/AIDS; technology for education; special needs; private business in education; improving school management and the role of the media.

Conference Timetable

	Morning	Afternoon
Wednesday 26 April	Opening ceremony. Keynote addresses.	Plenary session: Improving the Quality and Equity of Education for All. Parallel strategy sessions.
Thursday 27 April	Plenary session: Making Effective Use of Resources for Education. Parallel strategy sessions.	Plenary session: Co-operating with Civil Society to Achieve Social Goals through Education. Parallel strategy sessions.
Friday 28 April	Plenary session: Promoting Education for Democracy and Citizenship. Plenary session: Fulfilling Our Shared Commitment to Education for All.	Plenary session: Taking Off in the New Millennium: The New EFA Alliance. Approval of Framework for Action. Closing ceremony.



Participants

Some 1,000 national leaders, United Nations agency heads, education policy-makers, non-governmental organizations, business leaders, donors and grassroots workers from over 100 countries will gather at the World Education Forum to determine the direction education is to take in the new millennium, both in their own countries and around the world.

Among the distinguished speakers expected at the World Education Forum are Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal; Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria; Mohammed Hosni Mubarak, President of Egypt; Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of Uganda; Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS; Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General of the World Health Organization; Jean-Claude Faure, Chairman of the Development Assistance Committee for the OECD; Claire Short, Secretary of State for International Development, United Kingdom; Eveline Herfkens, Minister of Development Cooperation, the Netherlands; Graça Machel, former Minister of Education of Mozambique and Timothy Balding, Director-General of the World Association of Newspapers.

Country teams will include representatives from not only education ministries but also other sectors such as finance, health, labour and agriculture. Furthermore, civil society is guaranteed the fullest possible representation at the Forum as some 100 prominent non-governmental organizations will be present.

Outcomes

Delegates at the World Education Forum are expected to adopt a Framework for Action, a bold, practical document designed to help nations meet the basic learning needs of all by 2015.

The new Framework will be widely distributed to interested parties and communicated to major United Nations development conferences taking place in 2000 and 2001.

The Media

Located in the conference centre of Le Méridien Président Hotel, the media centre will serve the needs of journalists covering the World Education Forum. Services provided to registered journalists will include computer workstations, printers, telephones and modem connections. Rooms will also be available for interviews. A media briefing is scheduled for 25 April 2000 in the afternoon and daily briefings will take place throughout the Forum. Only accredited journalists will have access to the World Education Forum. Registration of journalists will begin on 25 April in the morning. ■

