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INVITATIONS TO THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADULT EDUCATION (CONFITEA VI)

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, the Director-General submits proposals to the Executive Board for the decision it has to take concerning invitations to the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (Brazil, May 2009).

Decision proposed: paragraph 11.

INTRODUCTION

1. The General Conference adopted 33 C/Resolution 5, inviting the Director-General to make the necessary arrangements to organize the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI) in 2009. By 175 EX/Decision 9, the Executive Board invited the Director-General to take the necessary measures for convening the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education in 2009 within the Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5), and for deciding on the venue. The Director-General informed the Executive Board at its 176th session (176 EX/INF.20) that he accepted the offer made by the Government of Brazil to host CONFINTEA VI.

CATEGORY OF THE CONFERENCE

2. Pursuant to the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), this Conference falls within the category of "intergovernmental meetings other than international conferences of states" (category II), and the heads of delegation will therefore represent their governments.

PARTICIPANTS

3. In accordance with the Regulations as they relate to category II meetings, invitations to the Conference are decided by the Executive Board.

Member States and Associate Members (Art. 21.1 of the Regulations)

4. Under Article 21, paragraph 1 of the Regulations, the Executive Board, on the Director-General's proposal and subject to the existing regulations applicable, shall decide on the Member States and Associate Members whose governments are to be invited.

5. In accordance with Article 23 of the Regulations, the governments of the Member States and Associate Members are invited to participate with the right to vote.

Non-Member States (Art. 21.3 of the Regulations)

6. Under Article 21.3 of the Regulations, the Executive Board may designate non-Member States to be invited to send observers to the Conference. The Director-General proposes that States that are not members of UNESCO but are members of at least one of the other organizations of the United Nations system be invited to send observers. At the same time when this document was prepared those States were the following: Holy See and Liechtenstein. In addition, the Director-General proposes that the Executive Board invite to the Conference, as observers any States that become members of any of the organizations of the United Nations system before it opens.

Palestine (Art. 7B of the Regulations)

7. Under Article 7B of the Regulations, the Executive Board shall invite Palestine to send observers to the Conference

International organizations (Arts. 21.4 and 21.5)

(a) The United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements (Art. 21.4)

8. The Director-General reminds the Executive Board that under Article 21.4 of the Regulations, the following organizations of the United Nations system, with which UNESCO has concluded representation agreements, may send representatives to the Conference:

United Nations (UN)

- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OCHCR)
- United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
- United Nations University (UNU)
- United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS)

Specialized agencies

- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

(b) Other international organizations

9. Under Article 21.5 of the Regulations, the Executive Board may decide that the following shall be invited to send observers to the meeting: (a) organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded mutual representation agreements; (b) other intergovernmental organizations; and (c) international non-governmental organizations, in accordance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's relations with those organizations. The Executive Board has also decided on several occasions to invite to category II meetings foundations and similar institutions that may have an interest in sending observers to these meetings.

10. The Director-General proposes that the Executive Board invite the following organizations, foundations and institutions to send observers to the Conference:

- (i) Organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded an agreement providing for reciprocal representation
- World Bank
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 - World Trade Organization (WTO)
- (ii) Other intergovernmental organizations
- African Bureau of Educational Sciences
 - African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
 - African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development
 - African Development Bank
 - African Union
 - Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization
 - Andean Community
 - Arab Administrative Development Organization
 - Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa
 - Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States
 - Arab Federation for Technical Education
 - Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development
 - Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations
 - Arab Labour Organization
 - Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization
 - Asian Development Bank
 - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
 - Association of Caribbean States
 - Association of South-East Asian Nations
 - Caribbean Development Bank
 - Central African Economic and Monetary Community
 - Central American Bank for Economic Integration
 - Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific
 - Central American Educational and Cultural Coordination
 - Central American Integration System
 - Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
 - Commonwealth of Learning
 - Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries
 - Commonwealth Secretariat
 - Community of Sahel-Saharan States
 - Conference of Ministers of Education in French-speaking Countries
 - Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sport in French-speaking Countries
 - Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf
 - Council for Arab Economic Unity
 - Council of the Baltic Sea States
 - Council of Europe
 - East African Community
 - Eastern African Centre for Research on Oral Traditions and African National Languages
 - European Commission
 - Economic Community of Central African States
 - Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries
 - Economic Community of West African States
 - Economic Cooperation Organization
 - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

- Executive Secretariat of the Andrés Bello Convention
- Inter-American Children's Institute
- Inter-American Commission of Women
- Inter-American Development Bank
- Intergovernmental Authority on Development
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- International Organization for Migration
- Islamic Development Bank
- Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Italian-Latin American Institute
- Latin American Economic System
- Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences
- Latin American Institute of Communication Education
- Latin Union
- League of Arab States
- Nordic Council
- OPEC Fund for International Development
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Organization of American States
- Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
- Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture
- Organization of the Islamic Conference
- Organisation internationale de la Francophonie – OIF
- Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration
- Regional Council for Adult Education and Literacy in Africa
- Secretaría de Cooperación Iberoamericana
- Southern African Development Community
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community
- Supreme Council for Sport in Africa
- Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean University for Peace
- University of the South Pacific
- West African Economic and Monetary Union

(iii) International non-governmental organizations maintaining formal associate relations with UNESCO

- Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)
- Education International (EI)
- International Association of Universities (IAU)
- International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (ICPHS)
- International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- World Federation of Unesco Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA)

(iv) International non-governmental organizations and networks maintaining formal consultative relations with UNESCO

- Academia Europaea
- African Council for Communication Education (ACCE)
- Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)
- Amnesty International (AI)
- Arab Institute for Human Rights (AIHR)

- Association of African Universities (AAU)
 - Association of Arab Universities (AARU)
 - Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)
 - Catholic International Education Office
 - Club of Rome (COR)
 - European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities (EAASH)
 - European University Association (EUA)
 - Inclusion International
 - International Association for Educational Assessment (IAEA)
 - International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)
 - International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)
 - International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)
 - International Federation of University Women (IFUW)
 - International Federation for Human Rights (IFHR)
 - International Reading Association (IRA)
 - International Publishers Association (IPA)
 - SIL International (ex Summer Institute of Linguistics) (SIL)
 - World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP)
- (v) International non-governmental organizations and networks maintaining operational relations with UNESCO
- All-Africa Students Union (AASU)
 - Asian-South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education (ASPBAE)
 - Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)
 - Association of European Journalists (AEJ)
 - Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)
 - Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)
 - Development Innovations and Networks
 - Disabled People's International (DPI)
 - European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA)
 - European Youth Forum (CENYC)
 - Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE)
 - Forum of European Students (AEGEE)
 - International Alliance of Women (IAW)
 - International Association for Counselling (IAC)
 - International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG)
 - International Association of Applied Linguistics
 - International Association of Educators for Peace (IAEP)
 - International Association of University Professors and Lecturers (IAUPL)
 - International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA)
 - International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY)
 - European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages (EBLUL)
 - CARITAS Internationalis (CARITAS)
 - International Trade Union Confederation (ex: WCL and ICFTU) (ITUC)
 - International Council on Education for Teaching (ICET)
 - International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW)
 - International Council of Women (ICW)
 - International Federation for Parent Education (IFPE)
 - International Federation of Associations of the Elderly
 - International Federation of Workers' Education Associations (IFWEA)
 - International Federation of Training Centres for the Promotion of Progressive Education
 - International Federation of East-Central European Institutes

- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY)
- World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)
- International Institute for Peace (IIP)
- International Literacy Institute (ILI)
- International Movement ATD Fourth World
- International Organization for the RIGHT to Education and Freedom of Education
- International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
- Latin American Association of Radio Education
- Pan-African Women's Organization (PAWO)
- Pan-American Association of Educational Credit Institutions
- Pan-Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association International (PPSEAWA)
- Society for International Development (SID)
- Solidarity In Literacy (ALFASOL)
- International Society for Education through Art (INSEA)
- International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE)
- World Assembly of Youth (WAY)
- World Association for Educational Research (WAER)
- World Council of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES)
- WORLDDIDAC – World Association of Publishers, Manufacturers and Distributors of Educational Materials
- World Family Organization (WFO)
- World Federation of Modern Language Associations
- World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)
- World ORT Union (ORT)
- World Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

(vi) Other non-governmental organizations and networks

- Academy for Educational Development (AED)
- ActionAid
- African Community Education Network
- African Development Education Network (ADEN)
- African Network Campaign on Education for ALL (ANCEFA)
- Aide et Action
- Arab Network for Illiteracy and Adult Education
- Association Africaine pour le développement durable
- BRAC (Bangladesh)
- Campana Latinoamericana por el Derecho a la Educación (CLADE)
- CIVICUS
- Consejo de Educación de Adultos de América Latina (CEAAL)
- Global Campaign for Education
- Global March Against Child Labour
- International Save the Children Alliance
- Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)
- Oxfam
- PAMOJA Africa REFLECT Network
- Red de Educación Popular entre Mujeres de América Latina y el Caribe (REPEM)
- World Education (United States)

(vii) Foundations, bilateral organizations and other similar institutions

- Aga Khan Foundation
- Association for the Development of African Education (ADEA)
- AusAID (Australia)
- Bernard Van Leer Foundation (The Netherlands)
- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (Canada)
- Carnegie Corporation of New York (United States)
- Commonwealth Foundation (CF) (United Kingdom)
- Centro de Cooperacion Regional para la Educacion de Adultos in America Latina y el Caribe (CREFAL)
- Barbara Bush Foundation (United States)
- Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) (Denmark)
- Department of International Development Cooperation (Finland)
- Department for International Development (DFID) (United Kingdom)
- DVV International (Germany)
- European Cultural Foundation (Netherlands)
- European Foundation Centre (Belgium)
- Fondation Internationale Carrefour
- Fondation pour l'Enfance (France)
- Fondation Roi Baudoin (Belgium)
- Ford Foundation (United States)
- Foundation for International Studies (Malta)
- French Development Agency (Afd) (France)
- Fundação Brasileira para o Desenvolvimento do Ensino de Ciencia (FUNBEC) (Brazil)
- German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ) (Germany)
- Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (Dominican Republic)
- German Development Bank (KfW) (Germany)
- Grameen Bank (Bangladesh)
- Icelandic International Development Agency (ICEIDA) (Iceland)
- InWEnt (Germany)
- Irish Aid (Ireland)
- Italian Development Cooperation Agency (Italy)
- Inter-American Development Foundation (United States)
- Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) (Japan)
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (Japan)
- Kellogg Foundation (United States)
- Lux Development (Luxemburg)
- Korean International Cooperation Agency (Korea)
- New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZAid) (New Zealand)
- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) (Norway)
- Open Society Foundation
- Paul Gérin-Lajoie Foundation
- Portuguese Cooperation Institute (Portugal)
- Qatar Foundation
- Sabah Foundation (Malaysia)
- Slovak aid (Slovakia)
- Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) (Sweden)
- Swiss Development Agency (SDA) (Switzerland)
- The Austrian Development Cooperation (Austria)
- The Brazilian Development Bank (BNDS)
- USAID (United States)
- World Foundation for AIDS and Research and Prevention (France)

Proposed draft decision

11. In view of the above, the Executive Board may wish to adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling 33 C/Resolution 5 and 175 EX/Decision 9,
2. Having examined document 179 EX/45,
3. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate in the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education with the right to vote will be sent to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the States mentioned in paragraph 6 of document 179 EX/45, which are not members of UNESCO but are members of another organization of the United Nations system, and to any other State that becomes a member of the organizations of the United Nations system before the opening date of the Conference;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Conference will be sent to Palestine, as mentioned in paragraph 7 of document 179 EX/45;
 - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Conference will be sent to the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements and which are listed in paragraph 8 of document 179 EX/45;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the Conference will be sent to the organizations, foundations, international aid agencies and similar institutions listed in paragraph 10 of document 179 EX/45;
4. Authorizes the Director-General to send out any other invitations he may deem useful for advancing the work of the Conference, notifying the Executive Board thereof.



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ADDENDUM

Add to paragraph 1 the following sentence:

“The Conference will be held from 19 to 22 May 2009”.

Add, in paragraph 10 (ii) (Other intergovernmental organizations), the following organizations:

- Arctic Council
- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

Add, in paragraph 10 (vii) (Foundations, bilateral organizations and other similar institutions), the following institution:

- Commonwealth of Independent States Interstate Fund for Humanitarian Cooperation