

Guidelines for the Organisation of Parallel Workshops

CONFINTEA VI will include workshops organised by NGOS, international organisations, UN agencies and other attending organisations.

The purpose of these workshops is to highlight implementation mechanisms and achievements in adult learning and education (ALE), to facilitate the exchange of best practice, to debate strategies and to inform recommendations that may be embedded in the Conference Final Outcome Document. The workshops should contribute to the concern of CONFINTEA VI to move from rhetoric to action. Participants are expected to engage actively in discussing strategies and measures to take the adult learning and education agenda forward.

The workshops themes, which are in accordance with the overall objectives of the Conference, are set out below, with examples of indicative topics:

Theme 1: Policies and governance for ALE

Example topics: ALE for sustainable economic and social development; ALE and work; relationships with other educational sectors,...

Theme 2: Financing ALE

Example topics: strategies for public investment in ALE; inter-sectoral partnerships in financing ALE; international development assistance for ALE, ...

Theme 3: Inclusion and participation in and through ALE

Example topics: ALE and health education; ALE for peace and conflict resolution; ALE and mass media, ...

Theme 4: Literacy and ALE

Example topics: progress and challenges in UNLD and LIFE; adult literacy in multilingual environments; assessment; key competences and new skills for building knowledge societies, ...

Theme 5: Quality in ALE and assessing learning outcomes

Example topics: curriculum design and pedagogy; recognition of experiential learning; professional development of adult educators; research and evaluation in ALE,...

Given the emerging political, cultural, social and economic challenges, as well as the diverse modes and dimensions of ALE, participating organisations, agencies and NGOs are invited to suggest alternative topics for consideration by the Conference Secretariat. As this is a shared international space, it is important that each workshop incorporates experiences from beyond one project or one country.

There will be four rounds of 7 or 8 parallel workshops of 90 minutes' duration, as follows:

Wednesday 20 May	Round 1	15:30 – 17:00	7 workshops
	Round 2	17:30 – 19:00	7 workshops
Thursday 21 May	Round 3	15:30 – 17:00	8 workshops
	Round 4	17:30 – 19:00	8 workshops

All conference participants will be invited to take part and select the workshops of interest at the on-site registration in Belém.

The Brazilian Government will provide the workshops with technical facilities including interpretation in the two UNESCO working languages (English and French). It is expected that workshop organisers will fund their own resource persons.

Agencies who wish to organise a workshop should complete the attached **Request Form for Organising a Workshop** and send it to the Conference Secretariat at the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) via e-mail confintea6.programme@unesco.org before **Friday 6 March**.

The Conference Secretariat will consider all requests and try to accommodate all proposals. If the number of requested topics exceeds logistical capacity, proposals in related topics may be merged. The Conference Secretariat will inform requesting agencies as soon as the workshop programme has been finalised.

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