National, regional and international initiatives
within the framework of the
preparation of the 2nd World Conference on Arts Education

Actions 2007-2008

• Establishment of the UNESCO Chair in Arts and Learning 2007 - Queen’s University, Canada
  For more details: UNESCO Chair in Arts and Learning website

• Creation of five Observatories in Asia and the Pacific.
  For more details: UNESCO Observatories

• Symposium: The UNESCO-Road Map for Arts Education and its impact on Europe (27 - 29 May 2008, Wildbad Kreuth, Germany), German National Commission for UNESCO
  Results: Demonstrated the Road Map’s implications for European policy, research and practice in arts education, resulting in an elaboration of a European position to be introduced at the next World Conference 2010.
  For more details: German National Commission for UNESCO website

• Canadian Arts and Learning Symposium (29 – 31 October 2008, Queen’s University, Canada), UNESCO Chair in Arts and Learning at the Faculty of Education
  Outcome: Creating and strengthening bridges between arts educators, arts administrators, performers, practitioners, and students in Canada to advocate for and build creative capacity and visibility in arts education in preparation to the 2nd World Conference.
  For more details: Canadian Network for Arts and Learning website

Actions 2009-2010

• Workshop – “L’art a le vent en poupe” (11 March 2009, Berne), Swiss National Commission for UNESCO
  Objectives: Enhancing the place of the arts in education, in order to promote the creativity development among the youth; identifying prior domains and defining themes of action, in preparation to the 2009 National Symposium organized by the Swiss National Commission; creating a thematic and political thinking platform on scholar curricula and on teachers’ training.

• THE KUMASI SYMPOSIUM Tapping Local Resources for Sustainable Education (31 July - 14 August 2009, Ghana), College of Arts and Social Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

• 2009 World Youth in Arts and Culture Education Conference and Symposium (27 July - 1 August 2009, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA), Academy for Artistic Excellence and International Education Exchange
  Objectives: Building on the concept of Contextualizing Creativity as a means of developing curricula and pedagogy that enhance core academics through the use of culture and arts education.

• WAAE Summit – Towards a Paradigm of Creative Education for the 21st Century (31 October - 2 November 2009, Newcastle, UK), WAAE
  Objectives: Preparing for the 2nd World Conference on Arts Education, reflecting specifically on the UNESCO materials with a view toward making specific recommendations for further international interventions and innovations in arts education.
  For more details: WAAE website
• **The 2009 Africa Research Conference in Applied Drama and Theatre** (November 2009, South Africa), Wits University

• **2009 Latin American Regional Summit for Arts Education** (20 – 23 November 2009, Bogotá, Colombia), Ambar Corporation
  Theme: “Arts & Education: Latin American creativity, Policy, esthetic and Cultural diversity”.
  **Objectives:** Develop WAAE’s contribution from Latin America to the second UNESCO World Conference of Arts Education in 2010 through its commitment to the development of human creativity, creative industries and a paradigm of education for the 21st century based on cooperation, human rights and sustainable development. It will conclude with a letter of recommendations which will be integrated into the WAAE’s final preparations.
  For more details: [ArtEducación website](#)

• **Canadian Arts and Learning Symposium** (3 – 4 December 2009, Toronto, Canada), UNESCO Chair in Arts and Learning at the Royal Conservatory
  **Objectives:** Plenary speech addressing the principal theme of research, networking and advocacy, round table presentations on research and best practices in arts and learning from across Canada. One focus of the symposium will be the preparation of a Canadian contribution to the 2010 UNESCO World Conference.
  For more details: [UNESCO Chair in Arts and Learning website](#)

• **Discussion: Arts Education – Culture Counts** (11 – 12 December 2009, Germany), German National Commission for UNESCO and University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
  For more details: [German National Commission for UNESCO website](#)

• **Arts Education Conference: Contexts, Concepts and Practices in Schools** (18 – 19 December 2009, Bangalore, India), India Foundation for the Arts and Goethe-Institut
  For more details: [Conference information](#)

• **Network meeting of Arts Education Observatories in the Asia Pacific region** (January 2010, Bangkok, Thailand), UNESCO
  For more details: [UNESCO Bangkok website](#)