

**To the
Secretaries-General**

National Commissions for UNESCO

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**National Report on the Development and State of the Art of Adult Learning and
Education in Preparation of CONFINTEA VI**

Dear Secretary-General,

With this message we refer to the guidelines for preparing a national report on the development and state of the art of adult learning and education. They were sent out to national commissions on 14 December 2007, following up the invitation by the Director General (DG/1/07/UIIL/042, 15 November 2007) concerning the preparation of the 6th International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI).

We would like to emphasize that the guidelines should help member states to draw an accurate picture of the complex realities of adult learning and education and identify key issues and messages to be drawn to the attention of the International Conference. Hence, we reiterate our invitation to Member States to use the preparation of national reports to create a national dialogue involving a wide range of stakeholders, including NGOs/CSOs, corporate institutions and the private sector. This process should be steered by a representative working group or committee, and a national workshop or conference should be held to validate the findings.

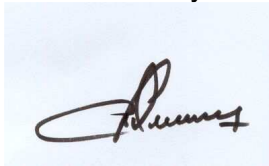
The input from countries will be crucial for preparations on the regional and international levels. This is why it is essential that the report is available for a synthesis process before the series of regional preparatory conferences starts in July 2008.

We know from various sources that preparations along these lines are well under way in a number of countries. Some national commissions, however, have requested an extension of the planned deadline (end of March 2008).

In response to these requests we would like to encourage all national commissions to continue with preparations along the lines mentioned above. However, to provide sufficient time for the necessary activities underlined above, e.g. a national workshop, we would be pleased to receive your report **by the end of April 2008 at the very latest.**

In case of further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Feldbrunnenstrasse 58, 20148 Hamburg, Germany (Tel: +49-40-448041-0; Fax: +49-40-4107723; Email: uil@unesco.org). To enable accurate planning, we would be grateful for your confirmation of the submission date within the next two weeks.

We look forward to further fruitful cooperation,
Yours sincerely



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