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Development



Financing Adult Education for Development

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Global attempts, like the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Monterrey Consensus on Financing or the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness were initiated to support a more comprehensive and effective development policy. Education for All (EFA) targets improved access, quality, and gender parity of the education, learning and training sector.

All these initiatives should have a direct or indirect impact on the development of adult education as well. However, in most of these processes our field is playing a marginal role only. This is especially true for the EFA framework, which almost read as “Except For Adults”. The Fast Track Initiative (FTI) has even up to now no component to support youth and adult literacy.

On the other hand, several interesting developments and initiatives could be witnessed in the global lifelong learning movement for the last decade: linking literacy to livelihood skills training and social issues, the genesis of HIV/AIDS prevention, the revival of target group and labour market oriented vocational education and training (VET), the transformation of universities in lifelong learning institutions and many initiatives for cooperation between civil society and the governmental sector are only a few examples.

We observe changes in the donor community as well. New instruments like budget support and a wide range of new instruments developed over the last years. New actors emerged. However, again the non-formal education sector as well as youth and adult education are seldom included.

In May 2009, CONFINTEA VI, the UNESCO World Conference on Adult Education will bring Governments and adult educators around the world to Brazil to reflect on “Living and Learning for a Viable Future – The Power of Adult Learning”.

The International Conference "Financing Adult Education for Development" in June 2009, will provide the opportunity to reflect on the challenges and chances in financing these new developments.

The Conference

The conference will bring together key representatives, decision makers and practitioners in adult education and lifelong learning with representatives of donor agencies, ministries, development banks and foundations.

The objectives for the event are:

- To reflect on the impact of recent development policies and financing mechanisms to strengthen youth and adult learning in the South
- To discuss the challenges development policy is facing and to identify the role and the needs of adult and lifelong learning in this context
- To share best adult learning practices and experiences in development action and programmes
- To create a possibility for networking between actors in adult education and major donor agencies

The conference will at the same time present and discuss the experience of 40 years of cooperation between the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and *dvv international* in promoting adult education globally.

The conference receives strong support from BMZ. The UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning is a welcome partner in this CONFINTEA VI follow-up venture.

Organisers

The conference is organised in partnership, including their representatives:

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EAEA - European Association for the Education of Adults, Gina Ebner

ASPBAE - Asian South-Pacific Bureau of Adult Education, Maria Almazan Khan

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