

“Adult Education Centres as a Key to Development - Responsibilities, Structures and Benefits”

11-12 October 2017, Tbilisi, Georgia

Purpose and overall objective of the conference

The Adult Education and Development Conferences (AECD) organized by DVV International with support of its partners address topics of global relevance and strategic importance for further promoting the education of adults. The fifth conference will deal with the set-up, the management and benefits of adult education centres as key structures to development. More than 100 international stakeholders and experts will inform and exchange about their approaches and challenges encountered.

The Conference will take place in Tbilisi, Georgia where DVV International with support of its local partners has been setting up a well-functioning adult education system in the course of the last years. The meeting will provide a platform to present and discuss experiences from Georgia and other countries from the global network of DVV International. Practitioners, researchers and other key stakeholders will share concepts and insights as to the potential of adult education centres for development whereat responsibilities, structures, benefits and wider impacts will receive special attention.

Specific objectives of the conference

The Conference will provide panel sessions and workshops in key areas relevant for adult education centers and related systems. The first thematic block will focus on sharing experiences and discussing roles and responsibilities. Different models and instruments for cooperation and interlinking stakeholders, such as local, regional and national governments, associations, social partners and non-state actors will be presented and debated. The second block will foster exchange and discussions as to the structures of adult education centres, putting special focus on the integration in national education systems and local communities. The third thematic unit will present evidence on the benefits and wider impacts related to investments in adult education centres taking societal, economic and cultural aspects into special account.

Next to the three thematic blocks, conference participants will have the opportunity to visit an Adult Education Centre in Georgia.