



CONFERENCE AND OPEN ADDRESS

“EDUCATION IN ZIMBABWE: WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE”

HON. SENATOR DAVID COLTART, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SPORT, ARTS & CULTURE,
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

THURSDAY 22 & FRIDAY 23 JULY, LONDON

Hon. Senator David Coltart, Minister of Education, Sport, Arts and Culture, Republic of Zimbabwe will address a conference in London on 22-23 July, which will consider how national efforts and external support can assist the **revitalisation of the education sector in Zimbabwe**. Senator Coltart is a human rights lawyer and has been Minister of education since early 2009.

The Conference will be hosted by the Commonwealth Consortium for Education, Link Community Development and the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa; and supported by the Commonwealth Foundation and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP.

OPEN ADDRESS BY SENATOR COLTART

A number of places are available for the opening conference sessions on the morning of Thursday 22nd July to all those with an interest in education in Zimbabwe. During these sessions Senator Coltart will describe the **current state of the education sector in Zimbabwe**, highlight current and likely future priorities and discuss **plans for rehabilitation**. Representatives from the Ministry's key development partners have also been invited to report on **current assistance programmes** for education in Zimbabwe.

CONFERENCE WORKING SESSIONS

The remainder of the conference (Thursday afternoon and Friday) will be given over to a series of **working sessions** around priority areas identified by the Zimbabwe Ministry of Education, Sport, Arts and Culture (MoESAC) to allow more detailed discussions and exploration of issues with MoESAC officials. The conference will conclude with the opportunity for smaller **“market place” meetings** with the Zimbabwean delegation and other conference delegates.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: The opening morning of the conference is open to all those with an interest in education in Zimbabwe. The working sessions will be restricted to organisations or individuals who are considering, or already, providing support to education in Zimbabwe. Representatives of all sectors are welcome including development agencies, international NGOs, civil society and faith-based organisations, private sector, academia, independent development and education professionals etc.

REGISTRATION: There is a registration fee of £50, whether attending the opening address and/or the full conference. Refreshments and a sandwich lunch will be provided on Thursday July 22 and, for Conference delegates, there will be an evening reception on Thursday 22 and refreshments and a sandwich lunch on Friday 23.

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