

# Programme

Day 1, 12<sup>th</sup> June

Time	Session
8:00 - 9:00am	Registration
9:00 - 10:00am	Opening Ceremony
10:00 - 10:30am	Coffee break
10:30 - 12:00pm	Plenary session B1
12:30 - 2:30pm	Lunch break Friday prayers
2:30 - 3:30pm	Plenary session B2
3:30 - 5:00pm	Breakout session
7:30 - 11:00pm	Dinner and cultural performance

Day 2, 13<sup>th</sup> June

Time	Session
8:30 - 10:15am	Plenary session B3
10:15 - 10:45am	Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:30am	Breakout session
12:30 - 1:45pm	Lunch break
1:45 - 3:00pm	Plenary session B4
3:00 - 4:00pm	Discussion of draft statement
4:00 - 4:15pm	Summing up by chair
4:15 - 4:30pm	Thanks and closure

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# Background

The 17th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (17CCEM) will convene in Kuala Lumpur from June 16 to 18, 2009 at the invitation of the Government of Malaysia, taking as its main theme *Towards And Beyond Global Goals And Targets For Education*. The Ministers' Conference will be complemented by civil society deliberations in four separate forums: Stakeholders' Forum, Teachers' Forum, Vice-Chancellors' Forum and Youth Forum. In the course of their discussions the Education Ministers and civil society in each of these forums will be considering the response that education systems in the Commonwealth should be making individually and collectively to the 2007 report (*Civil paths to peace*) of the Commonwealth Commission on Respect and Understanding chaired by Professor Amartya Sen. The four civil-society forums will submit their conclusions for consideration by Ministers, and will hold a joint inter-forum session on the morning of Thursday June 18.

The Commonwealth Consortium for Education (CCfE) is a loose grouping of two dozen pan-Commonwealth education civil society organisations and associations dedicated to the promotion of education development, founded in 2001. It customarily holds its General Conference on the eve of the triennial Conferences of Commonwealth Education Ministers, and chooses a relevant theme of current concern to the Ministers. In Edinburgh, in 2003, the chosen topic was recruitment, retention and mobility of teachers; and in Cape Town, in 2006, it was school and college partnerships in the Commonwealth. In each case, these topics were the subject of recommendations by Ministers in their Conference communiqués.

The Consortium welcomes the opportunity to work with a locally based partner in arranging such conferences. In 2003, this was the Commonwealth Teachers' Group and the National Union of Teachers in the UK. In 2006, it was Link Community Development, based in South Africa. In 2009, the Consortium is delighted that Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM, or National University of Malaysia), located close to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital city, has agreed to be its partner.



UKM, founded in May 1970, is one of the four top Malaysian public universities designated the prestigious "research university" status. Since inception, it has used Malay, the national language, as the medium of instruction. UKM therefore plays a pivotal role in the construction and dissemination of knowledge in the Malay language, which is the custodian of the national culture, hence the designation 'National' University of Malaysia, the one and only in the country. The current total student population is nearly 26,000, of which 7,600 are post-graduate students, UKM has an extensive international network established through over 100 MOUs that, in turn, facilitate staff and student academic mobility across the globe. Its scholars have received numerous national and international awards in various fields of academic endeavour.

## Conference Thematic Responses

Discussion of the different dimensions of the education response will focus on the following themes:

- The role of education, both formal and informal, in relation to social cohesion;
- Questions of inclusion (minorities, women, the disadvantaged);
- Education and violence: education and conflict;
- The content and processes of education: what is taught and what is practised;
- The appropriate organisation of education (on the basis of faith or other forms of identity);
- The contribution of the arts, museums and sport to promotion of social cohesion;
- International dimensions and security, the role of exchange and co-operation (international understanding, peace and security).

# Call for Poster Presentation

(Principally for local participants)

- We invite local participants to submit abstracts for poster presentation.
- Poster boards should support the conference rubric of *"Learning to Live Together : Education for Social Cohesion"*.
- Abstract (250 words) to be submitted to [zarinaukm@gmail.com](mailto:zarinaukm@gmail.com) by 17th May 2009.
- Notification of acceptance by 21st May 2009.
- Full papers to be submitted after the conference to be published in the conference proceedings.
- Registration fee : MYR500. Payable in advance.

1. Speakers at the Conference will include

- Prof Dato' Dr. Sharifah Habsah Syed Hassan Shahabudin Vice Chancellor, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
- Dr Kamal Hossain, A member of the Commonwealth Commission on Respect and Understanding
- Dr Mark Collins Director, the Commonwealth Foundation, London
- Dr Bernadette Dean Principal, Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore, Pakistan
- Dr Beebi Hajarjhan, Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka (TBC)
- Professor Colin Power, Former Deputy Director-General for Education UNESCO, Australia
- Dr Rosemary Preston, University of Warwick, Council for Education in the Commonwealth
- Prof Dato Dr Shamsul Amri Baharuddin, Director of Institute of Ethnic Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia
- Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Khoo Kay Kim, Emeritus Professor of Malaysian History, University of Malaya

