

# draft programme 28-05-09

## LEARNING TO LIVE TOGETHER: EDUCATION FOR SOCIAL COHESION at the Hotel Equatorial, Bangi-Putrajaya, Selangor, Malaysia

### PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 12 June 2009

0800-  
0900      **Registration**

### OPENING CEREMONY

0900

Master of Ceremonies: **Peter Williams**,  
Hon. Secretary, Commonwealth Consortium for Education

RECITATION FROM THE KORAN  
**Dr Aminuddin Basir**, UKM

#### WELCOME

**Prof Dato Shamsul Amri Baharuddin**, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (Chair of UKM Committee)  
**Professor Colin Power**, Chair, Commonwealth Consortium for Education; former Deputy Director-General for Education UNESCO

#### OPENING ADDRESS

**Professor Dato Dr Sharifah Hapsah Syed Shahabuddin**  
Vice-Chancellor, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

#### RESPONSE

**Dr Mark Collins**, Director of the Commonwealth Foundation

1000

**Coffee Break**

1030

**Session 1: SETTING THE SCENE**

#### Plenary Session

#### OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE THEMES

**Professor Colin Power**, Chair Commonwealth Consortium for Education

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Civil paths to peace: the role of education.

**Dr Kamal Hossain** Commission Member and former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

Understanding and Respect for difference – what are we trying to achieve?

**Prof Dato Dr Shamsul Amri Baharuddin**, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

#### DISCUSSION

**SESSION 2  
ISSUES AND PRIORITIES (1)**

**1430**     *Chair:*

**PLENARY PANEL**

Education for understanding and respect: curriculum, practice and the culture of education

1. Rights, dialogue and extremism: **Professor Lynn Davies** University of Birmingham
2. Perspectives from Pakistan: **Professor Bernadette Dean**, Principal Kinnaird College, Lahore

**SESSION 3  
DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**1530 –**

**1700**

In  
breakout  
rooms

1. Education and social cohesion

Schools and tertiary education:

**Prof T. Subhan**

Out of School: **Tony Lewis** University of  
Technology, Jamaica

2. Faith, culture and education

**Revd Canon Samuel John** National  
Council of Welfare and Social Development  
**Commonwealth Foundation**

3. Conflict, violence and learning

**Rosemary Preston**, Univ. of Warwick  
**Davidson Kuyateh** (Sierra Leone) Teachers  
Union  
**Faiz Fayyaz** Community Notivation &  
Development Organization (Pakistan)

4. Education policies for promoting social  
cohesion: case study from Sri Lanka

4. **Beebi Hajarjhan** (Sri Lanka) tbc

**1700**     **TEA**

**1930     DINNER AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCE**

**SATURDAY, 13 JUNE 2009**

**SESSION 4  
ISSUES AND PRIORITIES (2)**

**0900**

**Plenary Session**

1. Issues of inclusion: minorities, women and the disadvantaged  
**Sanjay Kumar** Chief Executive, Deshkal Society, India

2. Differentiation in education on the basis of identity  
**Puan Sri Prof Faridah Karim**, UKM

3. The contribution of culture, sports and the media in fostering social cohesion  
**Tan Sri Khoo Kay Khim** UKM

**1030**     **COFFEE**

**SESSION 5  
DISCUSSION GROUPS**

In breakout rooms

- 1100**
1. Inclusion: minorities, women and the disadvantaged  
**Jerald Joseph** Pusat Komang, Malaysia  
**Father Michael Kelly** University of Zambia Inclusion and HIV/AIDS
  2. Theme to be announced  
**Associate Professor Dr Khairul Anwar Mastor**
  3. Contribution of the arts, museums, sports and the media in fostering social cohesion  
**Mohamed Sheriff** (Sierra Leone) and **Tony Lewis** (Jamaica)
  4. The role of teachers and teacher education  
**Christine Blower** Acting Convenor, Commonwealth Teachers' Group and  
**Davidson Kuyateh** Sierra Leone Teachers Union

**1230 LUNCH**

**SESSION 6  
INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

- 1345** International Co-operation to Promote education for Social Cohesion
- 1.Linda King** Director, Human Rights and Peace education, UNESCO Paris
  - 2.Thomas Uthup**, UN Alliance of Civilisations
  - 3.Prof K.S.Nathan**, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

**SESSION 7**

**CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMING UP**

**1500 DISCUSSION OF DRAFT STATEMENT**

**1600 SUMMING UP AND THANKS**  
**Professor Colin Power**

**1630 CLOSURE, TEA DEPARTURE**