



**Hearing on “Financing Education for All in view of reaching MDGs 2 and 3”
European Parliament - Wednesday June 22nd 2005 - 13h00 - 15h00**

Room to be confirmed

ActionAid Intl, Education Intl, Oxfam Intl, Plan Intl and Save the Children - under the broader identity of the **Global Campaign for Education** - would like to invite you to attend our hearing in the European Parliament addressing the EU's role as an international donor in and promoter of the sector of education.

Our meeting aims to promote a EU position that will help bring revived urgency and energy to aid to education efforts.

Rationale

The international community is about to assess the progress made towards reaching the MDGs at the UN General Assembly in September, this year. The events and mobilisations leading to September will have a crucial impact on the commitments made at this summit.

The European Union has been recognised as a major contributor to the MDGs, and the Global Campaign for Education supports the champion efforts of the EU. However, more resources need to be mobilised, especially with respect to MDG 2 and MDG 3, which deal with EFA and gender parity. The first gender parity target has already fallen short for 2005.

Education for All could be an attainable goal with political will, enough resources and the focus on quality education. The EU has tremendous potential to push Education for All around the world.

The MDGs on education should be put in the framework of the Dakar Goals on education. Completion rates in secondary education, quality education, relevance of education, reaching the conflict and disaster affected children, and the pressing need to invest more in adult literacy should be dealt with concretely through programs.

We look forward to decisive action from governments and decision makers in order to realise the Dakar Framework of Action.

The Hearing will be timely in providing the opportunity to further promote the case for Education for All. It will take place shortly before the G8 Summit where much emphasis will be placed on poverty eradication and Africa. It will be a golden opportunity to see Europe re-affirm its commitment towards the reduction of poverty and the support for quality education. Together with the EU Commissioner for Development, Louis Michel, representatives from Southern Governments, inter-governmental organisations, and the civil society will share their experiences and recommendations on their progress, or lack thereof, towards Education for All.

Programme

13.00 - 13.15	Introductory remarks by Mrs Glenys KINNOCK , MEP
13.15 - 13.30	M. Mathieu R. OUEDRAOGO , Minister of Basic Education and Literacy in Burkina Faso Perception and expectations of EC/Burkina partnership in order to reach EFA A West African FTI experience
13.30 - 13.45	M. Louis MICHEL , EU Development Commissioner European responsibility in financing EFA to reach MDG 2 & 3 and in insuring harmonisation and quality of aid
13.45 - 14.00	Ms Assibi NAPOE , EI Africa Chief Regional Co-ordinator Southern assessment of civil society participation in EFA achievement. The teachers' experience.
14.00 - 14.15	Mr David ARCHER , ActionAid International Policy round up and recommendations
14.15 - 15.00	Open discussion and conclusions

Practical details

- Working language: English and French
- Registration is required via attached form
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