



GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM:

Education: A Critical Path to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

October 2–3, 2007

Room MC2–800,
World Bank, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington DC

Agenda

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

8:00–9:00 am **Registration**

9:00–11:00 am **Opening**

Introduction: Phillip Hay, Communications Advisor, Human Development Network, World Bank

Opening: Joy Phumaphi, Vice President Human Development Network, World Bank

Danny Leipziger, Vice President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, World Bank

Keynote: His Excellency – Mohammed Haneef Atmar, Minister of Education, Afghanistan

11:30 –12:00 pm **Coffee Break**

12:00 –1:00 pm **Session 1: Quality and gender equality for development**

- Education, Gender and Development – Nancy Birdsall, President, Center for Global Development
- The importance of quality and gender equality for growth and poverty reduction – Eric Hanushek, Stanford University
- Student learning outcomes from a gender perspective: What do international assessments tell us? – Andreas Schleicher, OECD, Paris

Chairperson: Katherine Namuddu, Associate Director, Rockefeller Foundation (Nairobi)

1:00–2:30 pm

Lunch: Kali Video on Loreto Day School Sealdah for Girls, Kolkata, India

2:30–3:30 pm

Session 2: Access and retention: What is holding us back and what do we know about interventions that have worked?

- The Inexcusable Absence of Girls in School – Marlaine Lockheed, Center for Global Development (CGD)
- Inequalities in education: Effects of Gender, Poverty, Orphanhood and Disability – Deon Filmer
- Quality and gender equality in education: What have we learnt from 15 years of FAWE's Experience – Codou Diaw Executive Director, FAWE

Chairperson: Cream Wright, Head of Education, UNICEF

3:30–5:00 pm

Session 3: Gender equality Post Primary Education and Training

- Adolescent girls, school, and pregnancy: evidence from Kenya – Michael Kremer, Harvard University
- Gender equality in post–primary education an achievable goal or a wild dream? – May Rihani, Senior Vice President Academy for Educational Development
- Expectations and Aspirations for Secondary Schooling: Girls in Gansu, China – Emily Hannum, University of Pennsylvania

Chairperson: Maureen Lewis –World Bank

5:30–7:30 pm

Reception at the MC Building East Dining Room

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

- 9:00–10:00 am** **Session 4: Emerging issues that constrain quality and gender equality in education**
- Gender and Education in Emergencies and Fragile situations – Jackie Kirk, McGill University, Canada
 - Closing the education gender gap in Latin America and the Caribbean: Success factors and challenges – Claudia Piras, Inter American Development Bank
 - Promoting Education Quality through Gender-friendly school- Changu Mannathoko – UNICEF

Chairperson: Donald Bundy, World Bank

- 10:00–11:00 am** **Session 5: Transition from school to work from a gender perspective**
- Estimating returns to education from a gender perspective – Harry Patrinos, World Bank
 - Education Skills and Labor Market Outcomes – Geeta Kingdon, University of Oxford
 - Cultivating Knowledge and Skills to Grow African Agriculture – Eija Pehu, World Bank

Chairperson: Cynthia Lloyd, Population Council

11:00 – 11:30 am **Coffee Break**

- 11:30–12:30 pm** **Session 6: Experiences from the field 1: Interventions that work to improve gender equality in education**

Panel Discussion:

- **Egypt**
- **Nigeria**
- **Turkey**
- **Yemen**

Chairperson: Yaw Ansu, Sector Director, AFTHD, World Bank

12:30–1:30 pm

Session 7: Experiences from the field 2: Interventions that work to improve gender equality in education

Panel Discussion:

- **Bangladesh** Female Secondary School Stipend Program & Punjab (Pakistan) Girls' Scholarship Program – Nazmul Chaudhury, World Bank
- Combatting Gender based violence in **Benin**
– Michelle Akpo, AED
- **Afghanistan**: Building a Better Future for Afghanistan through Female Education – Sakeena Yacoobi, Afghan Institute of Learning
- The Effects of User Fee Reductions on Enrollment: Evidence from a quasi-experiment in **Colombia** – Tazeen Fasih, World Bank

Chairperson: Gene Sperling, Director, Center for Universal Education, Council on Foreign Relations

1:30–2:30 pm

Lunch

2:30–3:30 pm

Session 8: Partners Round Table and Open Discussion

Rockefeller Foundation, Norway, UNICEF, USAID, Nike Foundation, UNGEI

Chairperson: Mayra Buvinic, Director, Gender and Development, PREM, World Bank

3:30–4:00 pm

Session 9: Summary of discussions, recommendations and next steps

Symposium Rapporteur –

Ruth Kagia, Sector Director, Education, HDNED, World Bank

4:00–4:15 pm

Closing

Joy Phumaphi, Vice President Human Development Network, World Bank