

AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Dakar, 10-13 November 2008

1. DRAFT PROGRAMME

Version 13/05/08

Monday 10 November 2008

- 08hrs** Welcome and registration of participants
- 09 hrs** **Opening Session**
Director of UNESCO/BREDA
WCHE Follow up Committee
Nations United University
- African Union
UNESCO Director General
Senegalese Government
- 10hrs45** **Break**
- 11 hrs 30** Keynote **lecture** : New Higher Education dynamics face to new challenges, in Africa (Keynote speaker)
- 12hrs30 Lunch**
- 14hrs** **Round Table**: Impact of the 1998 WCHE on the Africa Region. (2 Contributors)
- 15hrs** **Debate**
- 15hrs30** **Break**
- 16hrs00** **Round Table 2**: Place of Higher Education and Research in Africa within the context of globalization. (2 contributors)
- 17:00h** **Debate**
- 18:30h** **Reception / cocktail**
- 20 :00h** **End of Day I**

Tuesday 11 November 2008

- 09 :00h** **Introductory lectures theme 1**: Higher Education and Sustainable Development in Africa (2 contributors)
- 10:00h** **Break**
- 10:30h** **Discussion groups on theme 1**

12hrs30 Lunch

14hrs00 **Introductory lectures theme 2:** Higher Education, research and innovation for development in Africa (2 contributors)

15:00h **Break**

15:30h **Discussion groups on theme 2**

18 :00h **End of Day 2**

Wednesday 12 November 2008

09 :00h **Introductory lectures theme 3:** New challenges, new approaches, to Higher Education in Africa (contributors)

10:00h **Break**

10:30h **Discussion groups on theme 3**

12:30h Lunch

14:00h **Introductory lectures theme 4:** South-South and North-South cooperation (3 contributors)

15:00h **Break**

15:30h **Discussion groups on theme 4**

18 :00h **End of Day 3**

Thursday 13 November 2008

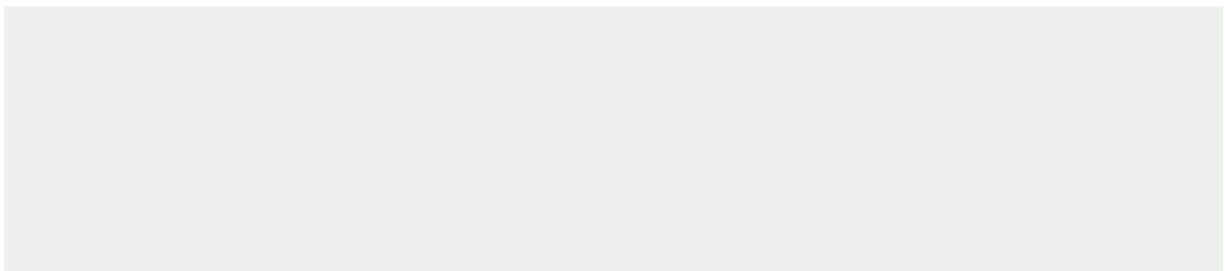
10 :00h **Presentation of syntheses of the 4 thematic groups** by the rapporteurs

11:00h **Break**

11:30h **General report** and presentation of the Conference final declaration and its **recommendations**

12 :00h **Closure** by the Senegalese Minister of Education

12:30h Lunch



2. Presentation CRESA

The regional conference to be organized in Dakar, is aimed at preparing for the World Conference on Higher Education (WCHE+10), which will be held in July 2009 at UNESCO Headquarters, in Paris. It therefore takes up the main themes which were identified as priorities or challenges for the forthcoming years at the world level. It will be organized as a forum for debates and exchanges with a view to establishing a regional agenda for Higher Education and research in Africa, within the framework of priorities set by the African Union for sustainable development in this region.

Proceedings will afford opportunities for proposals to be made and scenarios to be developed in order to formulate or strengthen national public or regional policies and develop regional integration. This should contribute towards the setting up of African higher education and research space within the context present globalization.

3. Themes

The Conference will focus on the following areas:

- 1) Regional context, opportunities, and globalization challenges
- 2) Role of Higher Education in building the knowledge society, research and innovation;
- 3) The quality and relevance challenge in Higher Education;
- 4) Regional integration and International South- South and North-South co operation;
- 5) Reform and revitalization of Higher Education systems
;
- 6) Governance and Management in Higher Education Institutions;
- 7) Higher Education and Employment
- 8) Financing Higher Education

