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TO ALL EI AFFILIATES IN OECD COUNTRIES TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Re: Conference of affiliates in OECD member countries, London, 29-30 January 2013

Dear Colleagues,

Education International is pleased to invite your organisation to the Conference of affiliates in the OECD member countries. The conference will take place at the Trades Union Congress Centre (TUC) in London from 29th to 30th of January, 2013. Your organisation may nominate a maximum of three representatives, which should include yourself and other senior office holders in your union.

The purpose of the conference is to give affiliates the opportunity to meet on an informal basis to consider key issues affecting education and teacher union organisations in OECD countries. The theme of the conference is "Framing Education for the Public Good". The conference will be organized around a series of plenaries, panels and break-out sessions which are designed to enable representatives to have the best possible opportunities for discussion.

The first day will involve speakers and break-out discussants from the OECD and EI affiliates. The second day will be a closed session confined to representatives of EI affiliates to enable them to discuss EI priorities. Planned foci include: "*Challenges and Opportunities facing Education in OECD countries*"; "*the Financial Crisis*"; "*Privatisation*"; "*the Future of the Teaching Profession*"; "*Adult Skills and Higher Education*"; "*Supporting Disadvantaged Students*"; and "*Evaluation and Assessment*".

I hope that your organisation can attend this important conference. It will provide a vital opportunity for EI affiliates to explore policy developments and common issues at a time of great political and economic turbulence globally.

The working languages of the conference are English, French and Spanish and interpretation will be provided in those languages.

The registration will start as of receipt of this circular. If you wish to participate in the conference, please complete the attached form and return it to EI at the latest **by 2 November 2012**. To help defray the costs of the conference centre and facilities, a conference fee of €100 per representative is requested. Please make the payment to the following account:

Account holder:	Education International
Name of the bank:	ING Bank
Address of the bank:	Rue du Champ de Mars 23, B-1050 Brussels/Belgium
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Communication:	"OECD 2013 – London"



You are urged to book hotel accommodation as soon as possible. A number of hotels have offered special rates to EI, details of which can be found on the following link: <http://go.ei-ie.org/oeecd2013>.

All information concerning the conference venue and programme will follow. If you have further enquiries, please email Undraa Batsukh at undraa.batsukh@ei-ie.org.

EI is looking forward to an inspiring and engaging conference and welcomes your active participation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred van Leeuwen'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke.

Fred van Leeuwen
General Secretary