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**Education International's First World Women's Conference** "On the Move for Equality"

## NEW DATE 20 -23 January, 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Colleagues,

Education International is pleased to inform you of a confirmed new date for EI's First World Women's Conference "On the Move for Equality", 20-23 January 2011. The Conference will take place as planned in Bangkok, Thailand.

As before, the Conference aims to provide the space and opportunity for participants to share, analyze, and contribute to a forum, the outcomes of which will inform EI's work on gender in the following years, and provide a basis for discussion at EI's 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress, to be held in July 2011.

The World Women's Conference has been postponed due to the unstable political situation in Thailand with a violent turn of events over the last months and several countries advising their citizens against travelling to Thailand. EI has decided to move the Conference to early 2011. Agreement about the Thai reconciliation roadmap with elections scheduled on 14 November 2010 gives EI confidence that the Conference can go ahead successfully and effectively in January 2011.

EI understands that the new date may be convenient for some member organizations and less convenient for others. We hope, however, that previously registered members will be able to attend. You may be able to change previous flight bookings if you contact your travel agent prior to the initial scheduled date of travel.

Member organizations which have already registered participants will be contacted individually by the EI secretariat. Other member organizations wishing to register participants should follow the new guidelines to be issued later this month.

Please consult the EI Conference website www.ei-ie.org/women2011 for additional information. If you have any further questions, please email women2011@ei-ie.org.

Thank you for your cooperation and we very much look forward to welcoming you in Bangkok in 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Fred van Leeuwen

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