



Special Workshop: 14.30 - 15.45 hrs, 24th July, Room 2.60, CTICC

Privatisation of Public Education - organising in privatised schools.

Organised by the American Federation of Teachers (USA) and the National Union of Teachers (UK), this workshop will focus on the growing global phenomenon of the privatization of public education system and the need to develop a strategic plan to confront these insidious developments.

Workshop participants are requested to come prepared to share information about the privatization of public education in their own countries. An objective of the workshop is to ascertain not only how widespread the growth is but also the variety of modalities that are being embraced and the impact they are having on union contracts and organizing. Two additional areas for examination are the sources of funding capitalization, both source and dividends, and the role of IMF conditionality in motivating privatization.

Topics to be explored and recorded are:

- The evolution and extent of privatisation of public schools in countries
- The legal and regulatory framework for privatized schools operating with public funds (bring documents)
- The nature of the companies/ agencies who are establishing such schools – what is known of their revenue sources
- The impact of such schools on the trade union rights of teachers
- Strategies which have been successful in challenging this development
- The importance of EI extending research in this area and the terms of reference for the data collection from affiliates.

Introductory

remarks: Christine Blower, General Secretary, National Union of Teachers

Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers

Facilitator: David Hecker, Vice President, American Federation of Teachers

Panellists: Teopista Birungi Mayanja, General Secretary, Uganda National Teachers' Union

Kevin Courtney, Dep. General Secretary, National Union of Teachers, UK

Phil Kugler, Director, Organizing Department, American Federation of Teachers