

Education International

Education in Crisis Seminar

Thursday and Friday, 18-19 October, 2012
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Place Rogier, Brussels, Belgium

Thursday, 18 October

- 11.30–11.45 **Welcome and Introduction**
Susan Hopgood, President, Education International (EI)
- 11.45–13.00 Keynote Address: **Education in Crisis: Seeking a Global Response**,
Professor Deborah Meier, Steinhardt School of Education, New York University, United States, followed by Q & A, moderated by John Bangs (Senior Consultant, EI)
- 13.00–14.30 **Lunch**
- 14.30–16.00 Round Table Discussion: **Funding public services in the future: Who will benefit and who will pay?**
This session will address a number of topics, including: fair and progressive taxation, the effects of privatisation on public services—including education, the impact of austerity measures on public services, democratic rights and social cohesion, as well as other social costs of curtailing public services.

Moderator: Dennis Van Roekel (President, NEA, United States, and Vice-President, EI)
Panellists: Jim Baker (Coordinator, Council of Global Unions), Peter Waldorff (General Secretary, Public Services International), Sharan Burrow (General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation), David Robinson (Special Consultant, EI)
- 16.00–16.30 **Break**
- 16.30–18.00 Round Table Discussion: **Strategies for exiting the crisis and policies for future economic growth.**
In this session participants will discuss the impact of the economic crisis on education globally, as well as economic policies for future stability and growth. They will also examine the recent experience of some countries which have suffered severely as a result of the economic crisis and their responses.

Moderator: Roland Schneider (Senior Policy Advisor, Trade Union Advisory Committee)
Panellists: Martin Rømer (European Director, ETUCE), Angelo Gavrielatos (President, AEU, Australia), Stella Maldonado (General Secretary, CTERA, Argentina), Janka Takeva (President, SEB, Bulgaria)
- 18.00–19.00 **Reception**

Friday, 19 October

- 09.00–10.00 Keynote Address: **The Future of Education and Development**, Carol Bellamy, Chair, Global Partnership for Education, United States, followed by Q & A, moderated by Monique Fouilhoux (Special Consultant, EI)
- 10.00–11.30 Round Table Discussion: **Impact of the economic crisis on education and development.**
This discussion will focus on the current impact of the economic crisis on developing economies and the effects that cuts in development aid have had on the potential for achieving the Education for All (EFA) goals and the Millennium Development Goals relating to education and post-2015.

Moderator: Haldis Holst (Vice-President, UEN, Norway, and EI Vice-President)
Panellists: David Archer (Director, ActionAid), Teopista Birungi (General Secretary, UNATU, Uganda), Marième Dansokho (General Secretary, SYPROS, Senegal), Karen Mundy (Associate Professor, Institute for Studies in Education of Ontario)
- 11.30–12.00 **Break**
- 12.00–13.15 Plenary Discussion: **Education in crisis: Where do we go from here?**
How should EI meet the current and future challenges facing education? How can EI better advocate and coordinate for its members in defence of quality public education and other public services?

Moderator: David Edwards (Deputy General Secretary, EI)
Panellists: Mugwena Maluleke (General Secretary, SADTU, South Africa), Patrick Roach (Deputy General Secretary, NASUWT, United Kingdom), Eva-Lis Sirén (President, Lärarförbundet, Sweden), Grahame McCulloch (General Secretary, NTEU, Australia)
- 13.15–13.30 **Conclusions**
Fred van Leeuwen (General Secretary, EI)