



On the Move for Equality

Education International's FIRST WORLD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PRE CONFERENCE: EI REGIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORKS

Grand Ball room, First floor - Ambassador Hotel Bangkok

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY

The Pre-Conference aims to frame the *On the Move for Equality* Conference within the regional network perspectives, and to create a global network for action.

18:00 Welcome and Introductions: Jan Eastman, Deputy General Secretary

SWC Co-Chairperson Salimata Doumbia, Executive Board Member Africa

Aloysius Matthews, Chief Regional Coordinator Asia Pacific

Regional Women's Networks:

Asia Pacific: Lok Yim Pheng, Executive Board Asia Pacific, for ASEAN, SAARC, COPE

Africa: Teopista Birungi, Executive Board Africa, for AWEN

Caribbean: Judith Spencer-Jarrett, Chair of CUT Status of Women Committee

Europe: Kounka Damianova, Chair ETUCE Equality Committee, for PEWN

Latin America: Maria Teresa Cabrera (Dominican Republic), Executive Board for EILA WN

EI member partners: Emily Noble, Executive Board Member North America/Caribbean

EI Equality Coordinators: Shashi Bala Singh, Coordinator, Asia Pacific

19:00 Social Hour to Meet and Greet



THURSDAY 20 JANUARY

This Session aims to connect the EI Women's Networks through their past and future strategies: Celebrating successes, analysing old and new obstacles, and moving forward together with a powerful local, national, regional and global voice.

08:45 Networks gather in Grand Ballroom

Screening of video "Acting Locally- Connecting Globally" produced by NEA as part of the EI Visual Understanding Education Project (VUE) (2010)

09:00 **Regional Networks Meet by (Sub) Region**

- Ups and downs of the regional journeys, past and present realities, and continued development of the networks

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 **First Global Meeting of Regional Women's Networks**

- Summary of regional analyses and identification of common issues

15:30 *Refreshment Break*

16:00 **First Global Meeting of Regional Women's Networks** continues

- Building a global agenda: Priorities for coordinated and concerted action

16:45 **Conclusions and Closure**



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Official Opening Plenary

This session will provide the contextual frame for Education International's *On the Move for Equality* Conference: Diversity and Gender Equality in EI – from the past to the future.

18:45 Conference participants take their seats in the Grand Ballroom

19:00 **Opening address** by Fred van Leeuwen, General Secretary

Welcome by the Honourable Mr. Chinnaworn Bunyakiat, Minister of Education, Government of Thailand

Welcome by Dr. Boonpun Sanbho, NTTU, on behalf of Thai Members

Address by Susan Hopgood, President

EI Slide Show: ***On the Move for Equality***

20:00 **Reception**

Conference participants are cordially invited to the opening reception.



FRIDAY 21 JANUARY

DAY 1 Theme: Taking Stock of the Status of Women in Today's World

Thirty years after the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and 15 years after the Beijing Platform for Action (1995) it is time to take stock. How far have women advanced in the workplace, in decision making bodies, in the education sector and in society? How can education unions contribute to equality, for women and men, girls and boys?

- 08:45 Participants gather in Grand Ballroom
- 09:00 **Welcome** by Chairperson Irene Duncan Adanusa, Vice President Africa
- Keynote address** by Susan Hopgood, President
- 09:45 **Panel Discussion** moderated by Sylvia Borren, Co-chair of GCAP
- Christine Nathan, *Regional Specialist in Workers' Activities*, ILO South-East Asia: *Gender equality and women's rights 15 years on from Beijing Platform for Action.*
- Fatima da Silva, Vice President of EI regional committee in Latin America: *Women, Power and Politics*
- Gemma Adaba, former ITUC representative to the United Nations: *Financing Gender Equality for full employment and decent work for women*
- 10:30-11:00 *Refreshment Break*
- 11:00 **Panel discussion** moderated by Sylvia Borren continues
- Jan Eastman, Deputy General Secretary: EI Quadrennial Report on *The Status of Women in Unions, Education and Society*, and conclusions of the Pre-conference of Networks
- Joyce Powell, NEA Executive Board: *Union action to achieve gender equality and full participation of women.*
- Plenary Discussion**
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:30 **Choice Workshop Session I**
- Simultaneous interactive choice workshop sessions will provide opportunities for exchanges on specific issues related to the theme of day, identification of policy gaps, challenges, and strategies that make a difference.
- 15:30-16:00 *Refreshment Break*
- 16:00-17:30 **Choice Workshop Session II**
- Simultaneous interactive workshops continue.
- 19:00-22:00 **Reception and dinner**
- Conference participants are cordially invited to a reception and dinner hosted by EI and followed by a cultural event.



SATURDAY 22 JANUARY

DAY 2 Theme: Advancing and Empowering Girls and Women in and through Education

Education is one of the most effective means of breaking the cycle of poverty. However, gender inequalities continue to threaten the well being and dignity of girls and women within schools as well as in societies. The Beijing Platform for Action, the Education for All goals and the Millennium Development Goals have increased attention and aided progress – but not yet enough. The **right to education** can be translated into **rights through education**. What strategies can educators and their unions create and employ to achieve real, innovative and lasting change towards and beyond 2015?

- 08:45 Participants gather in Grand Ballroom
- 09:00 **Welcome** by Chairperson Lok Yim Pheng, Executive Board Asia Pacific
- 09:10 **Keynote address:** Saniye Gülser Corat, Director for Gender Equality, UNESCO
- 09:30 **Panel discussion moderated** by Monique Fouilhoux, Deputy General Secretary
- Carolyn Hannan, former Director UN Division for the Advancement of Women: *Empowering women and girls through education - gains and gaps.*
- Assibi Napoe, Chair of the Board of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) and Chief Regional Coordinator Africa: *Progress through GCE for girls in education - what are the challenges and are we addressing them?*
- Maki Hayashikawa, Education Specialist UN Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) UNICEF: *Advancing the right of girls to education through UNGEI*
- Stella Maldonado, Secretary General of CTERA, Argentina: *Indivisibility of human rights*
- 11:00-11:30 *Refreshment Break*
- 11:30 **Plenary Discussion with panel continues**
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:30 **Choice Workshop Session III**
- Simultaneous interactive choice workshop sessions will provide opportunities for exchanges on specific issues related to the theme of day, identifying strategies, innovations and building alliances to achieve gender equality.
- 15:30-16:00 *Refreshment break*
- 16:00-17:30 **Choice Workshop Session IV**
- Simultaneous interactive workshops continue.



SUNDAY JANUARY 23

DAY 3 Theme: A Step Closer to Equality

This plenary session aims to provide a broad foundation on which EI can set future directions and build an enabling action plan working with members, other trade unions, UN agencies and the international community to achieve full rights for girls and women in the context of gender equality.

08:45	Participants gather in the Grand Ballroom
09:00	EI Slide Show: <i>On the Move for Equality</i>
09:05	Welcome by Chairperson Haldis Holst, Vice President Europe and Jan Eastman, Deputy General Secretary
09:15	Report on conference outcomes Teopista Birungi, Executive Board Africa Respondents: Milagros Ogalinda, Asia-Pacific Regional Committee, Gloria Inés Ramiréz, Senate of the Republic of Colombia and Lorretta Johnson, AFT Executive Vice President
10:00	Plenary Discussion of outcomes, results, alliances, key events, actions and processes
11:00-11:30	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
11:30	Plenary Discussion continues
12:30	Closing Remarks by Susan Hopgood, President: <i>A Step Closer to Equality</i>
13:00	<i>Lunch and Departure</i>