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## ADEA REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTER-COUNTRY QUALITY NODE (ICQN) ON PEACE EDUCATION

### ***THEME: EDUCATION AS AN AGENCY FOR FOSTERING PEACE: INTEGRATION AND PARTNERSHIPS***

#### WORKSHOP CONCEPT NOTE

##### **Background**

During the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) Global Consultation that took place in Istanbul, Turkey, from 31st March to 4th April 2009, an ADEA Round Table meeting was held with the main objective of consulting with African Ministers of Education on desirability and feasibility of establishing an ADEA Inter-Country Quality Node (ICQN) on Peace Education. The ICQN was described as a follow up instrument that would seek to bring together education policy makers from different countries to address common challenges and concerns.

During the Round Table Meeting, it was agreed that the formation of an ICQN on Peace Education was necessary as a follow up on the recommendations of the 2004 Mombasa conference on Education in Crisis and Post-Conflict Circumstances. Above all, the proposed ICQN would facilitate the translation of the first call of the Mombasa declaration: **“to utilize our education systems as agencies and forces for re-building, conflict prevention, conflict resolution and nation building”** into a programme. Kenya was proposed as the host of the ICQN.

The rationale for the establishment of an ICQN was that conflicts continue to cause serious damages to the economies of Sub-Saharan Africa, thus retarding development as resources are diverted to provide emergency services. Besides, conflict resolutions and transformations have been undertaken in an uncoordinated and duplicated manner. Formation of an ICQN in Peace Education would facilitate the sharing of lessons learnt across national boundaries to inform future initiatives.

The Bureau of Ministers further discussed the issue of starting an ICQN on Peace Education during the ADEA meeting held in Gammarth, Tunisia, on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2009. The Ministers endorsed the proposal for Kenya to host the ICQN. Consequently, Kenya was requested to develop a concept note and immediately start planning for an initial workshop to be held either in September, 2009.

## **Justification**

1. The Workshop will be a step towards implementing recommendations of the 2004 Mombasa conference
2. The planned workshop is intended to provide opportunities for sharing of experiences in the provision of education services in conflict and post-conflict situations, thus creating the capacities to minimize wastage and to use education systems for conflict prevention, resolution and transformation
3. Given that Peace Education is a new concept in most countries in the continent, the workshop will provide an avenue for countries to share best practices, experiences and expertise on the provision of education in crisis and post-crisis situations
4. The Workshop will form a basis for establishing networks and networking among the countries of the region in order to facilitate the sharing of scarce human resource in the subject of Peace Education

## **Goals and Objectives**

The main goal of this workshop will be to assist governments of selected countries in Africa to formulate appropriate country frameworks for Peace Education and thus, make education as the channel for enhancing national cohesion and peaceful co-existence.

Specific objectives include:

1. To share experiences, approaches and strategies on Peace Education from various countries
2. To identify good practices for adaptation in ones national context
3. To identify available human resource on peace education within the region and elsewhere
4. To deliberate and build consensus on:
  - i. the roles of the ICQN;
  - ii. the responsibilities of participating countries in the development of Peace Education within the region; and
  - iii. the modalities for collaboration and networking across national boundaries

## **Expected Outputs/Outcomes**

It is expected that by the end of the three days workshop country teams will have:

- Shared knowledge and skills on Peace Education
- Identified good practices for replication in Peace Education programmes
- Produced a report to be shared among the participating countries
- Agreed on the way forward for the ICQN

## **Participation**

The following 12 countries have been invited to participate in the workshop based on their experiences with post-conflict situations. However this should not exclude any other country that expresses interest to participate in this workshop.

1. Angola
2. Cote D'Ivoire
3. Democratic Republic of Congo
4. Kenya (Host)
5. Madagascar
6. Mozambique
7. Republic of Congo
8. Rwanda
9. Sierra Leone
10. South Africa
11. Sudan
12. Uganda

Apart from participating, countries will be requested to share their experiences in dealing with crisis or post-crisis service delivery in their education sector. In particular, four countries will be asked to share their experiences in dealing with this subject. These are: Rwanda; Sierra Leone; South Africa; and Kenya.

Three delegates (1 Minister, 1 Government official and 1 from NGO/Civil society) per country, have been invited bearing in mind their involvement in:

- i. Policy formulation and dialogue;
- ii. Curriculum development;
- iii. Capacity development for peace education; and
- iv. Monitoring and evaluation of peace education.

However, given the sensitivity and the importance of education in nation building, it is highly recommended that delegations be led by ministers of Education.

### **Venue and Dates**

The workshop will be held in Mombasa Continent Resort Hotel in Mombasa, Kenya, from **14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009**.

### **Facilitation**

Professional facilitators, moderators and consultants have been commissioned to facilitate the workshop processes. These have be drawn from Africa.

The working languages for the workshops will be English and French, with simultaneous translation provided. Working documents will also be available in both languages.

### **Budget**

The cost of hosting the Workshop will be jointly met by ADEA and the Government of Kenya. Accommodation and air fares for official delegates will be fully paid for by ADEA. In addition, ADEA will meet costs for facilitation, interpretation and translation. The Government of Kenya will meet the rest of the hosting costs.