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Conference for African Ministers of Finance and Education
**Sustaining the Education and Economic Momentum in Africa amidst
the Current Global Financial Crisis**

Tunis, Tunisia, July 15-17, 2009

*Jointly Organized by the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the World Bank (WB),
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Agenda

Wednesday July 15, 2009

Opening ceremony

4:00 – 5:45 PM

Registration

5:45 – 7:00 PM

Welcome, Introduction and Keynote Address

Chair: Ms. Obiageli EZEKWESILI, Africa Region Vice President, World Bank

- Goodwill remarks by the African Union, the Tunisian Government, the European Commission, the FTI-Secretariat, UNESCO, and UNICEF
- Keynote address by Mr. Donald KABERUKA, President, AfDB on “Human Capital for Africa’s Long-Term Development: Sustaining Progress in Challenging Times”
- Concluding remarks by the chair

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Reception hosted by the African Development Bank

Thursday July 16, 2009

Morning theme: Political leadership for better alignment between education development and economic growth

Chair: H.E. A. MOTSHEKGA, South Africa Minister of Basic Education

08:30 – 9:00 AM

Distinguished Guest Speaker H.E. Mr. Tharman SHANMUGARATNAM, Singapore Minister for Finance on *Investing in a Knowledge-Based Society: East Asia’s Experience*

- 9:00 – 9:30 AM **African Ministers of Finance on “Country perspectives on leveraging education for growth and national development”**
- H.E. Ephraim KAMUNTU, Uganda Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development
 - H.E. Abdoulaye DIOP, Senegal Minister of State for the Economy and Finance
- 9:30 – 10:30 AM **Panel discussion on “Country perspectives on aligning education to economic and national development goals”**
- Chair:* Ms. Obiageli EZEKWESILI, Africa Region Vice President, World Bank
- Panelists:* H.E. Minister KAMUNTU, H.E. Minister DIOP and H.E. Minister SHANMUGARATNAM
- Dialogue: Question and answer session with audience
Concluding remarks by the Chair
- 10:30 – 11:00 AM *COFFEE AND TEA BREAK*
- 11:00 – 12:30 AM **Mutual accountability of ministers of finance and of education for educational progress in Africa**
- Chair:* Ms. Zeinab EL-BAKRI, Vice President, AfDB
- H.E. Athanase MATENDA KYELU, DRC Minister of Finance
 - H.E. Marie-Odile BONKOUNGOU, Burkina Faso Minister of Education
- Dialogue: Question and answer session with audience
Concluding remarks by the Chair
- 12:30 – 2:00 PM *Lunch hosted by the World Bank*
- Afternoon theme: Education priorities in a challenging environment**
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM **Progress and Challenges in Meeting the EFA 2015 Goals in a Changing Environment**
- Chair:* H.E. Geraldine NAMIREMBE BITAMAZIRE, Uganda Minister of Education
- *Highlights of the 2009 GMR and meeting the six EFA Goals*, Kevin WATKINS, Director of the Global Monitoring Report (GMR)
- Comments from ministers of education on “Perspectives from the trenches of implementation”**
- H.E. Ambroise ZAWA, Central African Republic Minister of Education
 - H.E. Jorge de BOM JESUS, Sao Tome and Principe Minister of Education

- H.E. Daphrosa GAHAKWA, Rwanda Minister of Education

Dialogue: Question and answer session with audience
Concluding remarks by the Chair

3:30 – 4:00 PM

COFFEE AND TEA BREAK

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Skills development for economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa

Chair: H.E. Sanoussi TOURE, Mali Minister of Finance

- *Economic growth and the role of skills*, Shahid YUSUF, World Bank
- *Skills development for youth employment and productivity growth in the informal sector: What are the options?*, Boukary SAVADOGO, AfDB
- Report from the ADEA 2008 Biennale, Richard WALTHER

Comments from ministers on the challenges of skills for growth

- H.E. Mwinyihaji MAKAME, Zanzibar Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs
- H.E. Ms. Rose GAHIRU, Burundi Minister of Vocational Training and Literacy
- H.E. Mr. Ato Demeke MEKONNEN, Ethiopia Minister of Education

Dialogue: Question and answer session with audience
Concluding remarks by the Chair

Dinner for Ministers hosted by President KABERUKA, AfDB

Friday July 17, 2009:

Morning theme: The potential for and challenges of strategic partnerships

8:30 – 10:00 AM

Pan-African Cooperation in Education and Training: What is the scope and what are the barriers?

Chair: H.E. Mamphono KHAKETLA, Lesotho Minister of Education and Training

- *Regional Cooperation in Education and Training: what are the benefits and is enough being done to harness them?* Mamadou NDOYE, Consultant
- *Strengthening African tertiary education through regional collaboration: successes, challenges and options for the way forward*, Njabulo NDEBELE, President, Association of African Universities and ex-VC of University of Cape Town

Comments by ministers

- H.E. Alex TETTEY - ENYO, Ghana Minister of Education

	Dialogue: Question and answer session with audience Concluding remarks by the Chair
10:00 – 10:30 AM	COFFEE AND TEA BREAK
10:30 – 12:00 AM	<i>Priorities for education finance and external aid to support Africa's development in the coming years</i> <i>Chair:</i> Dzingai MUTUMBUKA, ADEA Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Strategic policies for holistic, efficient and sustainable development of education in Sub-Saharan Africa</i>, Michel JACQUIER, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)▪ <i>External aid for education and the challenge of enhancing its catalytic impact</i>, Birger FREDRIKSEN, World Bank Responses from ministers of Finance and of Education <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ H.E. Mekonnen MANYZEWAL, Ethiopia State Minister of Finance Dialogue: Question and answer session with audience Concluding remarks by the Chair
12:00 – 12:45 PM	Pressing on amidst the Global Crisis: next steps to sustain Africa's education and economic momentum <i>Chair:</i> Mr. Shantayanan DEVARAJAN, World Bank Africa Region Chief Economist <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reflection on practical steps to sustain Africa's educational and economic progress: H.E. Maker MWANGA FAMBA, DRC Minister of Education Concluding remarks by conference co-organizers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ahlin BYLL CATARIA, ADEA▪ Yaw ANSU, World Bank▪ Thomas HURLEY, AfDB Conference summing up by the Chair
12:45- 1:00 PM	Vote of thanks: Zeinab EL-BAKRY, Vice-President, AfDB
End of conference	<i>Lunch hosted by ADEA</i>
