



A Continental Validation Meeting in Cairo paves the way for ADEA 2017 Triennale in Marrakesh

Abidjan, 2nd December 2016 – On the occasion of the 2017 Continental Validation Meeting organized by the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) in partnership with the Republic of Egypt, the country's Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research, Hon. Prof. Dr. Ashraf El Shihy highlighted the core role of ADEA in fostering education, training and development in Africa.

The ADEA 2017 Triennale Continental Validation Meeting in Cairo, which took place from 22nd to 23rd November 2016, endorsed the results of the analytical work, online consultations and the five regional consultation meetings held, respectively, in Libreville (Gabon), Dakar (Senegal), Rabat (Morocco), Luanda (Angola) and Nairobi (Kenya). The Cairo meeting was a final step in the preparations for the flagship event scheduled for Marrakech, Morocco from 15th to 17th March 2017.

More than 70 participants attended this important meeting, among them African ministers and high-level officials in charge of education and training (i.e. Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, DRC, Egypt, Kenya, Mauritius, Senegal, Rwanda, Liberia, South Korea); representatives of strategic partners (i.e. AfDB, Africa 2.0, African Union Commission, CIEP, CONFEJES, GESCI, GPE, JICA, OIF, UNESCO, and UNICEF); researchers and academics.

Minister El Shihy also said that all countries that have invested in education and training of their citizens had achieved a great deal, realizing their development objectives and providing better insights and contributing to sound economic and social development. He also underscored the importance of having Africa's youth receive a better education to avert the scourges of terrorism and instead promote international cooperation.

During this meeting, participants discussed the synthesis reports of the four sub-themes and the summary of the main theme, agreeing on the directions and timetable for their completion. The meeting also deliberated on the content, duration and expected results of the various sessions of the Triennale, in addition to the budget and funding issues for the Triennale.

The Executive Secretary of ADEA, Ms. Oley Dibba-Wadda expressed delight that this meeting was taking place in Egypt – the land of ancient civilization and, on behalf of all the representatives from the African countries present, thanked the Government of Egypt for hosting the continental event. She noted that this was significant as it was the final step prior to Marrakesh that would be looking at education across different sectors. She informed the audience that the outcome of the 2017 Triennale would complement the implementation of the Africa's Agenda 2063 and contribute to the realization of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Agenda. It was, therefore, important for all African countries to come together to advance Africa's Agenda 2063.



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The coordinators of the thematic groups and their quality assurance consultants each presented the findings from their various consultations. Ms. Daphne Chimuka from the Forum for African Women Educationalist (FAWE) presented on sub-theme 1 which focused on **Implementing education and life-long learning for sustainable development**. Ms. Grace Orado from the Inter-Country Quality Node on Mathematics and Science Education (ICQN-MSE) presented on sub-theme 2: **Promoting Science, Mathematics and Information and Communication Technology**. Mr. Ibrahima Bah-Lalya, the Coordinator of the ADEA Working Group on Non-Formal Education (WGNFE), presented on sub-theme 3: **Implementing education for African Cultural Renaissance and pan-African ideals**. Ms. Mary Kangethe of the Inter-Country Quality Node on Peace Education (ICQN-PE) presented on sub-theme 4: **Building Peace and global citizenship through education**.

The General Coordinator of the 2017 ADEA Triennale, Mr. Mamadou Ndoeye, a former minister of education in Senegal and former Executive Secretary of ADEA provided considerable insights from the general report on the central theme: **Revitalizing education towards the 2030 Global Agenda and Africa's Agenda 2063**.

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