



The Africa Commission

Commission on Effective Development Cooperation with Africa

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on the Educational Challenge

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- 08.30 Registration at AZALAI Hôtel Indépendance
- 09.15 Welcoming remarks by Commissioner Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, President of ECOWAS
- Commissioners Dr. Lauritz Holm-Nielsen, Rector of the University of Århus, Denmark and Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj, Special Representative of the Secretary General in Liberia
- Key note speech: Ms. Odile Bonkoungou, Minister for Basic Education and Literacy
- Commissioner Dr. Lauritz Holm-Nielsen to introduce the working methodology, aim and intended outcome of the working groups.
- 10.30 Working Session: The participants divide into working groups with more focused sub-themes (within the overall theme)*.
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.15 Working groups continued (including refreshments and a coffee break)
- 15.40 In plenary: Presentations by each working group on recommendations and Q&A
- Summary of the discussion, presentation of tentative list of recommendations and future steps by the hosting Commissioners
- 18.20 Concluding remarks by State Secretary, Ambassador Ib Petersen on behalf of the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation
- 18.40 Press Conference for Commissioners only
- 20.00 Dinner hosted by the Africa Commission at AZALAI Hôtel Indépendance

*The aim of the working group sessions is to develop concrete, applicable and operational recommendations, which can feed into the Commission's work. Each group will be represented by a moderator. Commissioners will participate in discussions where appropriate.