

Meeting of UNESCO Chairs on higher education, teachers, and ICT in education

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Launched in the early 1990s, the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs network shares UNESCO's values, connects the Organization with communities, mobilizes expertise to support the advancement of UNESCO's goals in education, sciences, culture and communication. As a global network, built on a common vision of a world free of poverty and discriminations, it strengthens UNESCO's links with scientists, researchers and communities of practice and has a potential to contribute to the formulation and delivery of UNESCO's programmes, and to achieving the MDGs.

UNESCO's Education Sector highly values the network of UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Education, as well as their partners representing key stakeholders in education, and believes it is important to seek alignments that could enhance mutual strategic and programmatic priorities.

As a first step in this direction, a meeting of UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in higher education, teacher development, and ICT in education will be held in early 2014 to enhance UNESCO's cooperation with these Chairs and Networks, and to facilitate their networking around themes of mutual interest.

The Education Sector seeks to engage with UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks on how they can contribute towards UNESCO achieving its expected programmatic results in the above areas. This collaboration will build on UNESCO's role as an international intellectual resource in higher education, teacher development and ICT in education, while enhancing the work of each individual Chair and Network.

The meeting should help develop a strategic vision of what UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks could do jointly with UNESCO in the above areas. This initiative to enhance our cooperation is guided by our recognition of the work and expertise of UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks. It responds to the need for greater intellectual, strategic and programmatic cooperation in higher education, teachers and ICT in education which will strengthen the Chairs and the Networks while also supporting UNESCO's global action in these fields.

The meeting will be held over two full days and will bring together many of the over 100 UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks on higher education, teachers, and ICT in education established at higher education institutions in all UNESCO's regions.

The official working languages of the meeting are English and French, with simultaneous interpretation available.

Preliminary programme

Day 1 am:

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| 9:30 – 10:30 | Opening remarks (UNESCO)
Introductory remarks by
-UNESCO
-UNESCO Chair representatives |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Break |
| 11:00 – 1:00 pm | Presentations on UNESCO's programmatic priorities for teachers, ICT in education and higher education |
| 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Lunch break |

Day 1 pm:

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| 2:30 - 4:00 | Parallel sessions (teachers, higher education and ICT in education) |
| 4:00 – 4:30 | Break |
| 4:30 – 5:30 pm | Parallel sessions continued |
| 6:00 – 7:30 pm | Cocktail |

Day 2 am:

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| 9:30 – 11:00 | Parallel sessions continued |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Break |
| 11:30 – 1:00 pm | Parallel sessions continued |
| 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Lunch break |

Day 2 pm:

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| 2:30 – 3:30 | Reports from parallel sessions |
| 3:30 – 4:00 | Break |
| 4:00 – 5:00 | Discussion and next steps |
| 5:00 – 5:15 | Closing remarks |