

Mandate and Composition of the Working Group on Education for All

What is the Working Group on EFA?

The Working Group on EFA, chaired by the Assistant Director-General for Education, is an informal mechanism for exchange on EFA at international level.

What is the mandate of the Working Group?

1. The Group provides technical guidance to the EFA movement, creates and sustains partnerships, supports regional and sub-regional networks, ensures proper linkages among inter-agency flagship programmes, within the Dakar follow-up process as a whole. A key function is to enhance and widen EFA partnership.
2. The meetings of the Working Group also serve to prepare the meetings of the High-Level Group (next meeting 19-20 November 2002, Abuja, Nigeria).

Who is a member of the WGEFA?

The Working Group, numbering about 40, brings together representatives of the main constituencies represented in Dakar: developing countries and countries in transition; bilateral, multilateral and regional agencies; representatives from civil society networks, non-governmental organizations and private foundations, as well as from the OECD and the G8.

Core membership: Representatives from multilateral, bilateral and regional agencies and from non-governmental organizations are permanent members. Each organization will be represented by one person only.

Rotating membership: Representatives from developing countries will be invited on a rotating basis to contribute to key issues on the agenda. In this way, over the years, most developing countries will have the opportunity to participate in this group and to enrich the discussions from the country perspective. Developing country representatives, because their membership is established on a rotating basis, will be invited to the Working Group for half-a-day briefing ahead of each meeting.

Special guests may be invited to speak to particular issues on the agenda

Observers are welcome, but are requested to register in advance.

When does the Working Group meet?

The Working Group on EFA normally meets once per year. Between meetings, regular electronic consultations and information exchange will be organized by the UNESCO Secretariat.
