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Seventh Meeting of the CCNGO/EFA

Realizing the Right to Education beyond 2015

Santiago, Chile, 21-23 May 2014

Concept Note

1. Introduction

With the target date for the achievement of the MDG and EFA goals just around the corner, broad-based consultations are ongoing to define the content and format of the post-2015 education and development agendas. In May 2015, the world education community will come together at the World Education Forum (WEF) 2015 in the Republic of Korea to adopt a global education agenda for 2015-2030, as well as a Framework for Action. Further, in September 2015 the UN General Assembly will adopt the overall development agenda for the same period.

The Seventh Meeting of the Collective Consultation of Non-Governmental Organisations on Education for All (CCNGO/EFA) will be the last global CCNGO/EFA meeting before the WEF 2015. In view of this, the meeting will focus on how to shape the post-2015 global education agenda and how to ensure that education has a key position in the overall post-2015 development agenda.

The CCNGO/EFA has been a key mechanism within the global EFA architecture that has allowed civil society from across the globe to have *a space* to meet, debate and make recommendations to States and international actors in order to advance the achievement of Education for All, and to foster effective collaboration between NGOs and UNESCO. The CCNGO/EFA has also provided civil society *a voice* in global and regional EFA processes through representation in key EFA fora such as the EFA Steering Committee and the Global EFA Meeting. The CCNGO/EFA has further allowed stocktaking and strategic planning, empowering civil society as a social and political actor in the context of EFA, as well as creating an enabling environment for civil society south-north-south collaboration.

Taking place at a particularly strategic moment in the post-2015 process, the Seventh Meeting of the CCNGO/EFA will discuss and reflect on EFA achievements and challenges; the post-2015 process and current proposals for the post-2015 education goals, objectives and targets; civil society participation in the EFA movement and in the post-2015 processes; and strategies for continued civil society engagement in these processes. The meeting will also elect a new CCNGO/EFA Coordination Group for 2014-2016.

In line with the principle of regional rotation, the Seventh Meeting of the CCNGO/EFA will be organised in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean, in Chile. The theme of the meeting – *Realising the Right to Education Beyond 2015* – is particularly poignant for Chile, a country where¹ expanding private schooling on a large scale has widened inequality in access to quality education and which has experienced strong social and popular mobilization in support of education as a fundamental human right.

2. Objectives of the Meeting

The objectives of the Seventh Meeting of the CCNGO/EFA are to:

- i) Critically take stock of progress towards the six EFA goals, based on the 2013/2014 EFA Global Monitoring Report (GMR) *Teaching and Learning: Achieving Quality for All*, Regional EFA Reports, and other national, regional and international reports, in particular those developed by civil society organizations;
- ii) Identify key bottlenecks within, and outside, the education sector that have been holding back progress towards realising the right to education and achievement of the EFA goals; the impact of these bottlenecks on the ground, processes and actors involved, as well as ways to overcome them;
- iii) Strategize collectively on civil society engagement in the process to define the post-2015 agenda and framework as well as its promotion, and the promotion of education in the overall development agenda;
- iv) Discuss the vision and narrative of the draft Post-2015 Education Agenda to be adopted at the WEF 2015 and develop a CCNGO/EFA position and recommendations for the post-2015 Framework for Action;
- v) Discuss how civil society can contribute to WEF 2015 preparations, including through a review on civil society participation in the EFA movement, and a civil society forum to be organised in connection to the WEF 2015;
- vi) Increase networking among CCNGO/EFA members, fostering cooperation and collaboration among them, and with UNESCO, at national, regional and international levels; and
- vii) Elect a CCNGO/EFA Coordination Group for 2014-2016.

3. Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes of the meeting are:

- i) An outcome statement that presents (a) the CCNGO/EFA position on the post-2015 education agenda and expectations for civil society's future engagement in EFA; (b) recommendations to overcome bottlenecks holding back the realization of the right to education at the national, regional and international levels; and (c) recommendations for the future Framework for Action.
- ii) Agreement on an advocacy strategy to influence the post-2015 Agenda;
- iii) Appointment of the CCNGO/EFA Coordination Group for 2014-2016; and
- iv) Improved knowledge base on EFA and increased experience sharing among CCNGO/EFA members.

4. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report 2012-2014 by the CCNGO/EFA Coordination Group
3. Progress towards EFA and civil society participation in the EFA movement
4. The post-2015 education and development agendas
5. Appointment of a new CCNGO/EFA Coordination Group
6. Adoption of the outcome document

¹ EFA Global Monitoring Report 2013/4

7. Format

The three-day CCNGO meeting will consist of an opening session, plenary sessions and parallel working group sessions. Furthermore, there will be an Open Space for participants to present specific EFA related activities, initiatives, campaigns or new publications.

The working hours for the meeting sessions are from 9-11.00 / 11.30-13.00 / 14.30-16.00 /16.30-18.00. Lunches and refreshments will be offered by the organisers.

The meeting languages are English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

8. Participants

The meeting will gather representatives of international, regional and national CCNGO/EFA member organisations from all parts of the world, and of UNESCO, as well as selected Observers.

9. Meeting documents

1. Concept note
2. Provisional programme
3. Open Space programme
4. CCNGO/EFA Coordination Group Report 2012-2014
5. Note on the appointment of the CCNGO/EFA Coordination Group 2014-2016
6. Issues brief on the post-2015 agenda and civil society participation
7. Report of the UNESCO-NGO Liaison Committee survey on education post-2015
8. Document on Civil Society Participation / CCNGO/EFA assessment report
9. Draft outcome document of the 7th CCNGO/EFA meeting
10. List of participants
11. Glossary of key concepts to facilitate international debate on education post-2015
12. Practical information note

10. Background Documents

- CCNGO/EFA Working Procedures
- Pushing EFA Through 2015. Declaration of the 6th meeting of the CCNGO/EFA
- Report of the Sixth Meeting of the CCNGO/EFA
- Joint Proposal of the EFA Steering Committee on Education Post-2015
- 2014 Global EFA Meeting Outcome Document
- 2013/14 EFA Global Monitoring Report (GMR): Teaching and learning: Achieving quality for all
- 2013/14 EFA Global Monitoring Report (GMR): Summary
- UNESCO regional EFA reports