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UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme

Progress Report

Period of activity: January 2008- July 2008

UNESCO Chair in HIV/AIDS, Education and Health Security in Africa

Report established by: Professor Colin McInnes, UNESCO Chairholder,
Aberystwyth University

I. Activities

1. Academic activities

Training

Global health programs with focus on HIV and health security.

Target group: Health professionals and members of Non-Governmental Organizations.

Research

Projects on HIV, women's rights, health security policy.

Target group: postgraduate students at Aberystwyth University and health professionals.

2. Conferences/Meetings

“The International Political Economy of Health Governance”

Place: March 2008, Aberystwyth University.

“Oceanic Conference on International Studies”

Date and Place: July 2008, University of Queensland.

3. Publications

Several essays on HIV, conflict and the politics of health governance appeared during the 2008 period of activity.

4. Partnerships

Social Science Research Council (SSRC), United States of America

The Johns Hopkins University, United States of America

The Clingendael Institute, Netherlands

The University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa

The University of Pretoria, South Africa

II. Impact

During the 2008 activity period, the UNESCO Chair in HIV/AIDS, Education and Health Security in Africa cooperated with partner universities in the United States and Africa in research projects on the influence of political conflicts in the spread of HIV. The Chair is actively promoting seminars and trainings on global health security for postgraduate students at Aberystwyth University.

III. Forthcoming activities

The Chair will continue to develop its research activities on HIV and global health policy through international cooperation programs and academic partnerships with institutions in South Africa, the United States and the Netherlands. The Chair will promote investigation on AIDS and health security and will develop additional partnerships with universities in the United Kingdom and Australia.