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Excellency,

On behalf of the Deputy Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter of 26 February 2007 regarding the invitation extended to her by His Excellency Mr. Romano Prodi, President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic, to participate in the *World Forum on Education, Research and Innovation: New Partnership for Sustainable Development*, co-hosted by the Government of Italy and UNESCO, to be held in Trieste from 10 to 12 May 2007.

I regret to inform you, however, that due to previous commitments on the proposed dates, the Deputy Secretary-General is unable to travel to Italy for this event.

In this connection, the Deputy Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Romano Prodi.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

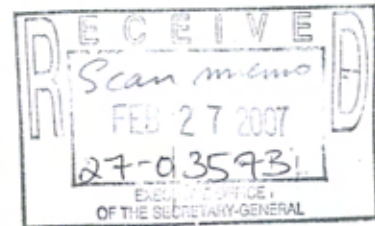
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G8-UNESCO World Forum on 'Education, Research and Innovation: New Partnership for Sustainable Development'
Trieste, Italy, 10-12 May 2007



Hon. Minister Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro
United Nations Deputy Secretary-General
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12 February 2007

Honourable Asha-Rose Migiro,

We have the honour to invite you to take part in the World Forum on Education, Research and Innovation: New Partnership for Sustainable Development, to be co-hosted by Italy and UNESCO in Trieste, from 10 to 12 May 2007.

The Forum originates from the discussions launched at the 2006 St Petersburg Summit reflected in the document "Education for Innovative Societies in the 21st century". It will focus on the three components (education, scientific knowledge and technological innovation) of the so-called "Triangle of Knowledge" and their mutual relations, with particular attention to developing countries and sustainable development. A special session will be devoted to "Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa".

UNESCO supports the holding of the Forum within the framework of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-14), for which it is the lead agency within the United Nations system.

Italy has been engaged in such efforts for many years, and this includes its support for the establishment of the Trieste international scientific institutions.

Your intervention is requested at the session entitled "Knowledge and Sustainable Development" to be held on Saturday, 12 May 2007.

We are sure that your participation as a chair and of other leading figures of the educational, scientific and entrepreneurial domains will offer a substantial input to the success of the Forum. An outline of the World Forum and a draft agenda are attached for your perusal.

We sincerely hope that you will attend this important event and look forward to your valuable contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Romano Prodi
President of the Council of Ministers
of the Italian Republic

Koichiro Matsuura
Director-General
UNESCO

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**G8/UNESCO World Forum on 'Education, Research and Innovation:
New Partnership for Sustainable Development'
Trieste, Italy, 10-12 May 2007**



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Overview

The Context of the Forum

The document "Education for Innovative Societies in the 21st Century," approved by the G8 Summit in St. Petersburg, recognized the need to promote synergies between science, education and innovation and welcomed the Italian proposal to organize, in collaboration with UNESCO, a "World Forum on Education, Research and Innovation: New Partnership for Sustainable Development".

During the preparation of the G8 summit, Italy supported G8's emphasis on the link between education, research and innovation in the context of "global economy of knowledge". The G8 can, in fact, act as a catalyst for a sustained attention of various bodies, both public and private, in a sector in which effectiveness of action must be evaluated on the medium and long term basis, without being consumed by a single initiative.

Participants

It is foreseen that there will be some 500 participants among government representatives and the entrepreneurial and academic worlds. Allocated funds will cover the expenses of participation of selected representatives from developing countries.

Structure of the Forum

The Forum consists of two and one half days of meetings, with four plenary sessions and several parallel sessions.

Three plenary sessions will examine the relationship between academia and industry, the role of governments in research and innovation, the impact of research and innovation on the society in relation to the triangle of knowledge mentioned earlier. The fourth plenary session is dedicated to the contribution of knowledge to development.

The parallel sessions will allow for a focus on specific subjects such as education systems, energy, environment, and health, with focus on sustainable development. The possibility of organizing special events (for example, "lectio magistralis") with the participation of suitable representatives from government or industry is being examined. Additional events are being planned by other institutions to connect their own initiatives in specific thematic areas relevant to the Forum. Other events bearing a connection to the main themes of the Forum are listed in the Forum website.

In addition, it is intended for the Forum to constitute a platform for the presentation of initiatives that deserve further support, or for the development of new programs, aimed at the reduction of the technological gap, primarily in sectors such as modern technologies of information and communication, nanotechnologies and bioengineering.



Special session on Africa

A special session will be devoted to Africa, following the decision of the African Union to focus in 2007 on the contribution of scientific research, technology and innovation for Africa's socio-economic development.



Organizational Aspects

The principal support for the Forum has come from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Additional contributions have come from other administrations and local authorities as well as the private sector.

UNESCO has supported the Forum in the framework of its program on the Decade for Education for Sustainable Development, for which it is the leader within the UN system; it has contributed to the definition of the contents of the Forum through a working group consisting of officers in the educational and scientific sectors.

The organization has been entrusted to ICTP (The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics) located in Trieste, an international scientific institution under the aegis of UNESCO, financed by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR) with an annual contribution of 24 million dollars.

The ICTP serves also as a coordinator among the international scientific institutions which are located in Trieste. Some of these institutions are ICGEB-The International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, ICS-International Centre for Science and High Technology, TWAS-The Academy of Sciences for Developing World, and IAP-The InterAcademy Panel, and include universities in the region and national, public and private research institutions and local authorities. A more complete list of participating institutions appears on the website.

The draft of the program is the result of work carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with ICTP and other Trieste institutions, with suggestions from other competent Ministries and UNESCO.

Il Sole 24 Ore serves as the Media Partner for the Forum.



G8/UNESCO World Forum on 'Education, Research and Innovation: New Partnership for Sustainable Development' Trieste, Italy, 10-12 May 2007

Draft Programme

Thursday, 10 May

Stazione Marittima Congress Centre

Plenary Session

09:30-10:00 Opening Session

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-10:50 University, Research Institutions and Industry: What Partnership to Develop Global Innovation Society?

What is the role of universities in developing innovation and entrepreneurship?

How to develop best practices on knowledge-based development and private-public partnership to facilitate global knowledge dissemination?

How to identify barriers among relevant sectors and ways to overcome them to promote combined investments in education, research and innovation?

10:50-12:20 talks to be defined

12:20-12:50 Discussion

12:50-14:30 Lunch

Parallel Sessions

14:30-14:50 Education in the Knowledge-Based Society

How to innovate education systems up to the requirements of a global knowledge-based society?

Identify the best models of education governance, teaching and management.
Identify (voluntary) guidelines for quality provisions in education across the world.

How to implement, at country level, the Global Action Plan to achieve the Education for All agenda?

14:30-14:50 Environment: Global Challenges

How to develop an integrated approach for research, education and innovation to meet global environmental challenges, including impacts of climate change, air and water pollution, acid rain, rain forest destruction, hazardous waste and overpopulation?



14:50-16:00 talks to be defined
16:00-16:40 Discussion
16:40-17:10 Coffee Break
17:10 Special Event 1

14:50-16:20 talks to be defined
16:20-16:40 Discussion



Friday, 11 May

Stazione Marittima Congress Centre

Plenary Session

09:00-09:20 Research and Innovation: the Role of the Government

How to leverage public expenditure in attracting private funding for university research, and enhance cooperation between universities and industry?

How can governments cooperate with the private sector in the development of innovative, high quality education, research and innovation systems?

How can governments promote dialogue and synergies with business, higher education and labour to articulate sound policies and develop needed resources for higher education?

09:20-10:30 talks to be defined

10:30-10:50 Discussion

10:50-11:20 Coffee Break

11:20-11:40 Innovation and Society

How to strengthen the innovation culture in our society?

What role can the public sector play to accelerate innovation changes in our society and raise the level of citizens' inclusion and participation?

What kind of governance is necessary at national and international level to make innovation policies more effective in our societies?

11:40-12:50 talks to be defined

12:50-13:10 Discussion

13:10-15:00 Lunch

Parallel Sessions

15:00-15:20 Energy for Sustainable Development

How to develop an integrated approach involving education, research and innovation to solve the energy challenges of the 21st century?

15:00-15:20 Health and Sustainable Development

How to develop integrated healthcare approaches that can meet the challenges of the 21st century, arising from aging populations, environment deterioration and possible global pandemics?

Identify critical areas of research, e.g. bio-nanotechnology, bio-molecular medicine, genetic engineering, telemedicine and new cancer therapies.



Identify issues related to intellectual property and health care, including impact on developing countries.

15:20-16:30 talks to be defined
16:30-17:10 Discussion
17:10-17:40 Coffee Break
18:00 Special Event 1

15:20-16:30 talks to be defined
16:30-17:10 Discussion



Saturday, 12 May

Stazione Marittima Congress Centre

Plenary Session

09:00-09:20 Knowledge and Sustainable Development

How to place research and innovation on the national, as well on the international agenda for development?

How to enhance scientific capacity in developing countries in order to generate appropriate technologies and to base political decisions on the best available information?

09:20-10:30 talks to be defined

10:30-10:50 Discussion

10:50-11:20 Coffee Break

11:20-11:40 Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa

The heads of Member States of the African Union met in January 2007 in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa to discuss science and technology in what has been a unique opportunity to support the continent's scientific renaissance.

11:40-13:00 talks to be defined

13:00-13:10 Closing Session



Supporting Institutions

Institutions, organizations and sponsors of the Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia supporting the G8-UNESCO Forum

ICTP

The goals of the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics are to foster the growth of advanced studies and research in physical sciences, especially among researchers from developing countries; provide an international forum for the exchange of ideas among scientists from the North and South; maintain excellent research facilities for visitors, associates and fellows, principally from developing countries.

ICGEB

The International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology conducts innovative research in life sciences for the benefit of developing countries. It strengthens the research capability of its Members through training and funding programmes and advisory services and represents a comprehensive approach to promoting biotechnology internationally.

TWAS

The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS) represents the best of science in the developing world. Its principal aim is to promote scientific capacity and excellence for sustainable development in the South.

ICS-UNIDO

ICS aims to advance the industrial competitiveness and investment climate in developing and transition-economy countries through transfer of technology and know-how that encourages sustainable development. Goals are pursued through promotion of technological innovation relevant to industry, build-up of private/public-sector partnerships, strengthening of technological capacity and fostering of international cooperation. All member countries of the United Nations are their beneficiaries. End beneficiaries are small and medium-sized enterprises, national and regional institutions engaged in R&D, policy-makers, managers and stakeholders.

AREA

AREA is the operator of reference in Italy for technology transfer. It is a prestigious multi-sector Science and Technology Park that carries out research, development and innovation activities aimed at achieving results of excellence. The AREA Science Park is a place where top-level training, research and business philosophy blend and become a fundamental resource for the economic and employment growth of the territory. The quality of the services offered, the contacts with academic and research institutions, the high level of competence of the human resources, together with the beautiful location of the Park– in the far eastern part of Friuli Venezia Giulia – have generated an exclusive environment, namely the AREA Science Park, with flexible solutions to accommodate businesses, structures, instruments and services to support the development of knowledge and technology led activities.



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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

4 April 2007

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I appreciate your understanding and send you my best wishes for a most successful event.

I am sending a similar letter to His Excellency Mr. Romano Prodi.

Yours sincerely,

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Asha-Rose Migiro

Mr. Koïchiro Matsuura
Director-General
United Nations Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization
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Subject URGENT - Invitation to the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations to the G8-UNESCO World Forum from 10 to 12 May 2007 in Trieste, Italy

Dear Ms. Tanaskovic and Ms. Delconte,

Please find attached, for your information, copies of the letters sent to H.E. Mr. Romano Prodi and Mr. Koichiro Matsuura, in response to the above-mentioned invitation. We are sending the original copy to Mr. Prodi through the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations. Also, the original copy to Mr. Matsuura is being sent to him by UN mail.

Kindly acknowledge this message at : sgaymer@un.org

Thank you.

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**G8-UNESCO World Forum on 'Education, Research and
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Trieste, Italy, 10-12 May 2007**



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9 March 2007

Honourable Asha-Rose Migiro,

The letter of invitation for the G8-UNESCO World Forum in Trieste, to be held on May 10-12, signed by the Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi and the UNESCO Director-General Koichiro Matsuura, is being transmitted to you through the Italian embassies of your country. It may take a few days for the letter to reach via that route. In the meantime, please regard the enclosed copy, provided to us by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as official and confirm your acceptance to me by e-mail or fax. This will simplify our plans.

The skeleton of the program is available at <http://g8forum.ictp.it>.
This web address serves to supplant the documents mentioned in the letter of invitation.

We are enclosing also an additional briefing on the G8-UNESCO World Forum on behalf of Professor K.R. Sreenivasan, Director of ICTP, Trieste, Italy.
If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Forum secretariat

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Federico Delconte".

PLEASE RESPOND TO:

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The G8-UNESCO World Forum in Trieste, May 10-12, 2007

1. Background

The Forum originated from discussions launched at the 2006 G8 Summit at St. Petersburg, contained in the document "Education for Innovative Societies in the 21st century". It intends to focus on the three components of the so-called "Triangle of Knowledge"—education, scientific knowledge and technological innovation—and their mutual relations, with particular attention paid to developing countries and sustainable development. A special session will be devoted to "Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa", and a closing session will attempt a broad assessment.

UNESCO supports the holding of the Forum within the framework of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-14), for which it is the lead agency within the United Nations system.

2. What distinguishes this Forum?

Questions on the sustainability of the present mode of development are being raised with increasing frequency. From climate change to energy needs to models of economic development, it is clear that new modes of thinking will be required. New thinking is required, as well, on how the knowledge triangle can combat such serious problems of our times as security, terrorism, starvation, population rise, ecological degradation and the spread of communicable diseases. The world has to work as a whole to combat them: increased globalization and mobility means that a problem affecting one part of the world will affect the other parts more than at any other time of our planet's history.

Most developing countries do not yet have the resources to invent appropriate solutions to combat such problems. They have to be solved by a synergistic cooperation between industrialized and developing countries. The international scientific institutions in Trieste, such as the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, the International Centre for Science and High Technology, and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World, have been engaged for many years in the task of building scientific capacity in developing countries. The support for these institutions comes in large part from Italy. How to build on this experience is one of Italy's primary interests in the Forum.

3. Speakers and participants

The speakers will be from high level of the government as well as educational, scientific and entrepreneurial worlds, drawn from both G8 and developing countries. Because of the special commitment of the G8 countries to Africa, there will be a special session focusing on that continent, in which several ministers of

science and technology from the region will participate. The G8 countries may act as the catalyst for generating sustained interest of various bodies, both public and private, and to supporting specific programs and projects of medium and long term relevance to Africa.

The 500 or so participants will also be men and women of distinction.

4. Outcome of the Forum

Rapporteurs of each session of the Forum will produce brief summaries. The edited version of these reports will be widely disseminated to all stakeholders. However, no global resolutions will be attempted at the Forum. Attention will, instead, be placed on developing concrete plans of action.

We look up to the speakers to set the agenda for the Forum in their areas of expertise, making broad connections among the themes of the Forum, namely education, research and innovation, and on how their interaction bears on sustainable development. We expect to send more specific indications to each speaker, session chair and rapporteur before the middle of April.

5. Organizational details

The program has been decided by consensus among officers of UNESCO, G8 countries, Trieste institutions, and other stakeholders. A preliminary program has been announced on the Forum's website: <http://g8forum.ictp.it/>. More details will be added as soon as possible.

Those seeking to participate in the Forum may apply through the website. All questions should be addressed to the secretariat of the Forum:

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