



"Keeping our Promises on Education"
High-Level Education Event
May 2, 2007, Brussels

Programme of the technical session
15.00 – 17.30

Scaling up results through more, better and faster aid

Progress made on EFA since Dakar in 2000, gives us reason to be cautiously optimistic that of all the international goals, the education goal is the one that the world will come closest to achieving by 2015. Aid has been an important contributory factor to this progress with evidence showing that its impact has been most pronounced in the poor countries with good policies but with severe resource constraints. But the unfinished agenda is huge and complex. The challenge is to get more than 77 million children into school and ensure that all those in school acquire strong foundational skills for personal empowerment and a basis for further education and training. We need to intensify efforts and scale up progress by inter alia providing more and better aid for education and ensuring education quality. Better aid requires that donors provide more resources in a manner that is more predictable and harmonized, and driven by results. It also requires partner countries to provide political and strategic leadership, provide adequate resources for education and improve accountability and efficiency.

The plenary discussion will focus on specific strategies and actions which the donors and their country partners need to take in the next twelve months, and in the medium term, to ensure the securing of additional resources that translates into support, which will enable more children to enroll in school and obtain quality education. A background note will provide proposals for increasing aid and making it better and faster. It will also make proposals for follow up actions to be discussed and agreed upon during the session.

Co-Chairs: Mr Stefano Manservigi, Director General, European Commission
Mr Richard Manning, Chair of Development Assistance Committee, OECD

15:00-15:15 Mr Stefano Manservigi: Session objectives and overview

- Key messages arising from the morning session
- Objectives of the afternoon session

15:15-15:30 More Aid and More Effective Aid
Mr Francois Bourguignon, Chief Economist, World Bank

15:30-17:00 **Plenary Discussion**

15:30 – 16:00 Introductory interventions

- Mr Jean-Christophe Deberre, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France: "Better aid to basic education through a mix a instruments"
- Mr Riccardo Maggi EC, DG Development: "The MDG contract: A proposal for longer term and more predictable budget support"
- Mr Richard Manning, OECD DAC: Implementation issues –attribution, additionality, calculating financing gaps, harmonization and alignment.

16:00 – 17:00 Interventions from the floor by participants.

17:00-17:30 **Chair: Mr. Richard Manning: Conclusions and Next Steps:**

- Summary of the afternoon session
- Conclusions and next steps
- Agreed next steps and an agreed set of Education Follow-up Actions for the next 6-12 months