

ADEA -seminar in Finland
Critical Skills in Education for Sustainable Development in Africa – Perspectives from Finland

Dates: 28th-29th of October 2010
Venue: University of Tampere, Linna -building, lecture room K103
Organizers: Department of Education, University of Tampere;
Association for the Development of Education in Africa;
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Description: African countries have been able to significantly increase enrollments at different levels of their education systems, but the drop-out rates and relatively poor learning outcomes of many countries have raised again the question of quality and critical skills in education.

The purpose of the seminar is to reflect on these issues through sharing research and practical experiences of education in Africa. This dialogue aims at contributing ideas for the preparation of the ADEA Triennial 2011.

The main themes of the seminar are

- Quality and relevance of education
- ICT & Innovation systems for lifelong learning

Target group: Researchers, educational practitioners, planners, students and all who are interested in education and sustainable development of Africa.

Program

Thursday 28th October

8:30-9.30	Registration
9:30-9:40	Opening the Seminar (Linna K103) <i>Jorma Suvanto</i> , Head of the Unit for Southern Africa, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
9:40-10.15	Orientation to the Themes of 2011 ADEA Triennial <i>Jean-Marie Ahlin Byll-Cataria</i> , Executive Secretary, ADEA <i>Hamidou Boukary</i> , Senior Program Specialist, Secretary, ADEA
10.15-10:30	Coffee/Tea
10:30-11:15	What Do We Know about Quality of Education in Developing Countries? – Case study on use of instructional Time in Mali <i>Raisa Venäläinen</i> , Consultant, former Senior Education Expert, World Bank

- 11:15-12:00 Teachers' Professional Ethics and Sustainable Development in Education
Rauni Räsänen, Professor, University of Oulu
- 12:00-13:30 LUNCH
- 13:30-15:00 Panel Discussion: Quality of Education and Teachers as Quality Providers?
Chair: *Hamidou Boukary*
Panelists: *Rauni Räsänen*, *Raisa Venäläinen*
- 15:00-15.15 Coffee/Tea
- 15:15-17:30 Working group 1: How teachers can improve the quality of education? (Linna K109)
Chair: *Abebaw Yirga*, PhD student in Education
- Working group 2: Learning assessments as a quality guarantee (Linna K110)
Chair: *Miguel Marrengula*, PhD student in Social Work

Friday 29th October

- 9:00-9:30 Conclusions from the Working Groups (Linna K103)
- 9:30-10:00 Education of/for All? The Promise of Wikiworld
Teemu Leinonen, Professor, Media Lab, School of Art and Design of Aalto University; *Tere Vadén*, Associate professor, Hypermedia laboratory, University of Tampere; *Juha Suoranta*, Professor, Department of Education, University of Tampere
- 10:00-10:30 The Global Network for Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems (GLOBELICS) – Perspectives for Africa
Mika Raunio, senior researcher, Research Institute for Social Sciences, Unit for Science, Technology and Innovation Studies, University of Tampere; Academic Coordinator of Globelics Academy
- 10:30-11.00 Global e-Schools and Communities Initiative
Jyrki Pulkkinen, CEO, Global e-Schools and Communities Initiative
- 11:00-11:45 Comments/Discussion
Discussants: *ADEA representative*; *Ronald Bisaso*, Graduating Doctoral Researcher in HEG, University of Tampere
- 11:45-12.15 Coffee/Tea
- 12:15-13:15 Concluding Discussion
Chair: *Tuomas Takala*, Professor of Comparative Education, Department of Education, University of Tampere