



Women in Motion for the right to Education GEO strategies towards CONFINTEA VI

The Gender and Education Office (GEO) of the International Council of Adult Education (ICAE) held an international seminar from 26 to 28 June 2008 in Montevideo, Uruguay. Its aim was to analyze the global political context and its impact on gender and lifelong education policies equality, and to elaborate an incidence strategy of GEO towards the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI).

Forty women from 19 countries, representatives of all the regions, participated in the seminar: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Mexico, Moldova, Philippines, Senegal, Spain, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and Zambia.

After analysing the challenges of the current context for political incidence at a global level, GEO has elaborated its incidence strategy towards the preparatory Regional Conferences and the CONFINTEA VI. Among the actions proposed we highlight:

- ▶ To go into detail concerning gender dimension at the perspective of its multiple intersections with race, ethnics, sexual identity, class, nationality and other discriminations, within the strategic proposal of ICAE towards CONFINTEA VI. This strategy is developed in the document **“CONFINTEA VI Priority Issues”**, that will be submitted to governments, civil society organisations and all actresses and actors involved in the process.
- ▶ To elaborate Benchmarks on Young and Adults Education that ensure the inclusion of gender, race, ethnics, class and other factors that intervene on everyone’s social inclusion; to submit them to the governments as necessary issues to be included in CONFINTEA VI official document in order that they serve as a guide to action as well as its subsequent follow-up.
- ▶ To promote an awareness campaign and mobilization at global level on the importance of men and women lifelong education and the need that governments implement the recommendations arising from CONFINTEA VI.
- ▶ To participate in the Preparatory Regional Conferences and in CONFINTEA VI, mainly stressing the right to education for lifelong inclusion, and young and adult women needs according to regional characteristics.
- ▶ To contribute with the organization of the Civil Society Summit previous to CONFINTEA VI with a view to mobilize and coordinate with civil society organizations and social movements from Brazil and the whole world, the definition of incidence strategies during the Conference, and a plan of monitoring and follow-up.
- ▶ To ensure the commitment taken over by the governments in CONFINTEA VI is recognized at national level and monitor the States in order to pass from Declaration to Action.



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