

**More education. More growth. More justice.**  
On our way to an education strategy  
for German development policy

International conference

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Currently, 72 million boys and girls in developing countries are not able to attend school. 759 million people throughout the world – two thirds of them women – lack basic skills in reading, writing and arithmetic. Many schools are overcrowded, teachers are inadequately trained and there is a shortage of teaching materials.

However, where there is wide access to high-quality and customised education, the opportunities for development and participation improve – especially for hitherto disadvantaged ethnic groups.

Therefore, the Federal Government has made education a priority area of German development policy. In the context of development policy the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has drafted a new education strategy in order to generate the necessary impetus. The aim is to offer effective support to our partner countries, to give greater access to education and improve its quality by establishing holistic education systems that are geared to the varying requirements of the local societies.

**Federal Minister Dirk Niebel** will be introducing this new education strategy at the international conference ‘More education. More growth. More justice. – On our way to an education strategy for German development policy.’

The objective of this conference is to present the education strategy to a broad audience of national and international experts and decision makers from the fields of politics, business and civil society. In the process, we hope to flag topics for further debate and discuss the most promising ways to pursue the dialogue about the actual form the education strategy should take.

Following the opening speech by Carol Bellamy, chair of the ‘Fast Track Initiative Education for All’ and Federal Minister Dirk Niebel’s presentation of the BMZ’s new education policy, a town hall meeting will be held at which participants are invited to talk with the minister and exchange ideas about the education strategy.

At two subsequent panel meetings key issues of the education strategy will be discussed with selected representatives from the worlds of academia, politics, business and civil society.

To mark the official start of the dialogue process on implementing the education strategy, the BMZ will consult with all participants and identify the next steps it will take.

The conference language is German, simultaneous interpretation into English will be available throughout the meeting.

## Programme

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**9:00**      **Registration and Coffee**

**10:00**      **Prelude**

Creative Orchestra, a project of the Education Programme of the Berliner Philharmoniker

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**10:10**      **Welcome by Moderators**

**Jo Hiller**, Moderator

**Andrea Rübenacker**, Head of Asia Division, Deutsche Welle Academy

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**10:15**      **Opening address**

**Carol Bellamy**, Chair, Education for All Fast Track Initiative, Washington DC

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**10:35**      **Presentation of draft education strategy**

**Dirk Niebel**, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

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**11:00**      **Town Hall Meeting**

Discussion of draft education strategy with audience

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**11:30**      **Coffee break**

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**12:00**      **Panel I      ‘Access and quality – a holistic approach to promoting education’**

Introductory trailer (5 min)

**Questions:**

- How can education specifically make a decisive contribution to overcoming poverty?
- Why is equal access to education important, and how can this be achieved?
- How can the quality of education be ensured?
- What components must a holistic and effective educational system have?

**Panelists:**

**David Atchoarena**, Director, Division of Planning and Development of Education Systems, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris

**Leda Hugo**, Deputy Education Minister, Mozambique

**Ashraf Ahmed Mansour**, Professor of Physics and Chairman of Board of Trustees, German University in Cairo, Egypt

**Christopher Thomas**, Office of the Managing Director, former Manager for Education in Africa and for Education in Asia and the Pacific, World Bank, Washington DC

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**13:15**      **Lunch**

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**14:30**      **Panel II**      **‘Education as a joint effort – effectively involving politics, private sector, civil society and academia’**

Introductory trailer (5 min)

**Questions:**

- What framework conditions are required to enable all relevant actors to collaborate on developing the educational system?
- What individual contributions should politics, the private sector, civil society and academia make to a functioning educational system?
- What innovative financing instruments can ensure additional funds for the educational sector?
- How must education be organised to ensure comprehensive social participation?

**Panelists:**

**Ibrahim Fuad**, State Minister, Ministry of Education, Ethiopia

**Kornelia Haugg**, Director-General for vocational training and life-long learning, Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), Germany

**Harald Leibrecht**, Spokesperson on development policy, Free Democratic Party Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag, Germany

**Vera Masagão Ribeiro**, General Coordinator, Ação Educativa, São Paulo, Brazil

**Heiko Schwiderowski**, Head of Division for Africa and Development Policy, German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (DIHK), Berlin, Germany

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**15:45**      **From the draft to a strategy for education**

**Friedrich Kitschelt**, Director-General for Africa and global and sectoral affairs, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

Shaping dialogue with all actors: potential approaches

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**16:30**      **End of Conference / Reception**

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