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The Adult Learning Network



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International Adult Learners' Week

*Adult Learning and Literacy,
for Democracy and
Citizenship*

Call for Registration

Conference Themes:

- Building Democracy: Learning, Citizenship and Cooperative Governance
- Overcoming Barriers: Reaching out to Excluded Learners
- Ensuring Equality in Diversity through Education
- Adult Learners' Week as Advocacy Strategies for Learning and Democracy

Keynote Speakers Include:

- Ms Naledi Pandor, Minister of Education, South Africa
- Mr Michael Omolewa, Chairperson of the UNESCO General Conference, Ambassador to UNESCO, Nigeria
- Mr Ahlin Jean-Marie Byll-Cataria, Chairperson of the African Association for the Development of Education (ADEA), Togo
- Ms Shona Butterfield, Tertiary Education Commission, New Zealand
- Mr Kwesi Prah, Centre for African Studies, South Africa
- Ms Elaine Dos Santos Cavalleiro, Ministry of Education, Brazil
- Mr Allan Tuckett, National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education, United Kingdom
- Ms Katarina Popovic, Society for Adult Education, Serbia and Montenegro
- Mr Justin Ellis, The Under-Secretary, Department of Culture and Lifelong Learning, Namibia
- Ms Rosa-Maria Torres, Former Minister of Education, Ecuador / Argentina

An International Forum
for Policy Dialogue
and Advocacy



6th-11th Sept. 2004

Cape Town
South Africa

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Conference Aims and Objectives

The year 2004 marks the celebration of *Ten Years of Freedom* in South Africa. While the struggle to the right for adult literacy and education was part of the struggle for democracy and while the right to adult basic education is now enshrined in the South African Constitution, UNESCO launched International Adult Learners' Week in September 2000 as a trans-national advocacy framework to promote literacy and lifelong learning for all. Linking thirty-five learning festivals worldwide, the global movement has recently taken on renewed importance in mobilizing for the goals of the United Nations Literacy Decade.

South Africa, having inaugurated its first national Adult Learners' Week in 1996 under the theme "Learning to Live, Work and Learn Together", was among the pioneer countries to develop this mobilization campaign for adult literacy, education and training. Adult Learners' weeks equally nurture cultures of lifelong learning and reinforce capacity-building and increased participation of citizens as well as more cooperation between the non-governmental sector and governments.

The conference aims to:

- Provide an international forum for policy dialogue and advocacy on the importance of adult learning, literacy and lifelong learning
- Strengthen the international movement of learning festivals as effective advocacy instruments for learning, and
- Celebrate and honor the achievements of adult learners.

The conference on "*Adult Learning and Literacy for Democracy and Citizenship*" will focus on four key themes:

- Building Democracy: Learning, Citizenship and Cooperative Governance
- Overcoming Barriers: Reaching out to Excluded Learners
- Ensuring Equality in Diversity through Education
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Conference format:

- Each theme is introduced in a plenary session through a keynote address, which provides an overview of the conceptual and theoretical implications of this issue,
- This is followed by parallel sessions where concrete experiences and best practice are presented.
- In each breakaway session, related policy and programme recommendations are extracted, which will be discussed and reflected in plenary on the concluding day.

The Conference Organisers

In conjunction with the South African Adult Learners' Week and aligned to South Africa's celebration of Ten Years of Freedom, the South African Ministry of Education, The UNESCO Institute for Education and the UNESCO Cluster Office in Namibia are co-hosting the 2004 *International Adult Learners' Week* Commemoration, on the 6th - 11th September of this year, together with the national Adult Learning Network and other education stakeholders from civil society.

Conference Location

The conference will be hosted in Cape Town, from the 6th - 11th September 2004 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). Views from the CTICC of Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean are spectacular. Hotel accommodation and all Waterfront facilities are within walking distance of the conference venue, and safe and efficient public transport is available to the city and surroundings.

Conference Registration

The National Adult Learners' Week 2004 Forum starts on Monday, 6th September, in parallel to excursions to sites of learning followed by the celebration of International Literacy Day on Wednesday, 8th September and the International Conference from 9th to 11th September.

Full conference registration will be held from Monday, 6th to Wednesday, 8th September.

Exhibitions

Educational materials and publications will be exhibited for the duration of the conference. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact the conference organisers.

Accommodation and Conference tours

The conference organising team has selected a number of good quality hotels to suit most needs. Full details are on the Accommodation Booking Form. However, if you have other requirements they will also be able to assist. Early booking of accommodation is recommended. The team is also organizing a selection of tours to various sites of learning. Please note that any other tours organised outside of the conference programme is for participants' own account. A travel desk will be setup at the conference venue to facilitate this.

Accompanying partners:

The conference location, on the edges of the Waterfront and Cape Town itself will provide plenty of interest for accompanying partners. Partners are also welcome to participate in the receptions, banquets and tours organised by the conference organisers.

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The website has full details on the Adult Learners' Week campaign and will be updated with programme details as they become available on a regular basis.

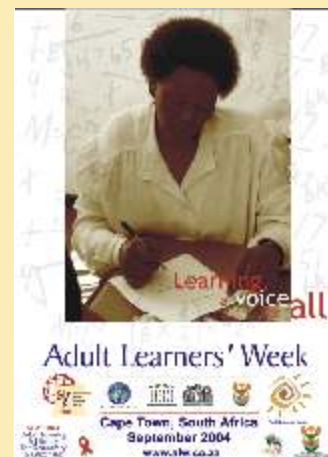
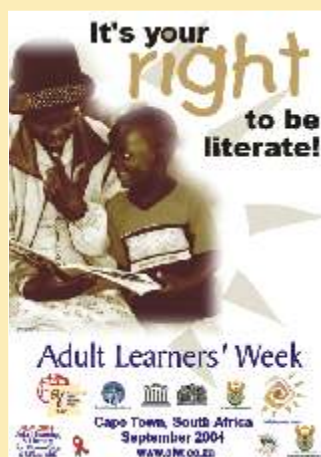
Registration:

Please note that the call for registration will be closed soon. However, late applications may still be considered by arrangement with the conference organisers. Registration forms should be sent to:

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Conference Themes (9th - 11th September 2004)

All papers, symposia and focused dialogues are organised around the following themes:

Overarching Theme:

Adult Learning and Literacy for Democracy and Citizenship - What kind of democracy do we want?

Theme 1: Building Democracy: Learning, Citizenship and Cooperative Governance

- Gender Equality
- Civil Society's Participation
- Literacy for Democratic Local Governance
- Social Cohesion and Active Citizenship
- Democratic Governance in Transitional Societies

Theme 2: Overcoming Barriers: Reaching out to Excluded Learners

- The Global Adult Learning Documentation and Information Network (ALADIN)
- Reaching out to Marginalized Communities with Communication Technologies
- Community Learning Centers and Cultural Institutions as Resource Centers for the Excluded
- Non-Governmental Organizations as Learning Facilitators

Theme 3: Ensuring Equality in Diversity through Learning

- Educational Work for and with Migrants
- Indigenous Populations: Knowledge as Resource
- Learning for Culturally Diverse Contexts
- Multi-Lingual Approaches in Literacy

Theme 4: Adult Learners' Weeks as Advocacy Strategies for Learning and Democracy

- Trans-Border approaches
- Learners' forum
- Learning Festivals as Part of Learning Regions
- Mobilizing Learners

Programme Outline:

Monday 6 - 7, September

Early Registration
Tours and Excursions to Sites of Learning
National Adult Learning Network Forum

Wednesday, 8 September

Registration
Welcome and Launch of International Conference
Guinness/UDV Awards Ceremony

Thursday, 9 September

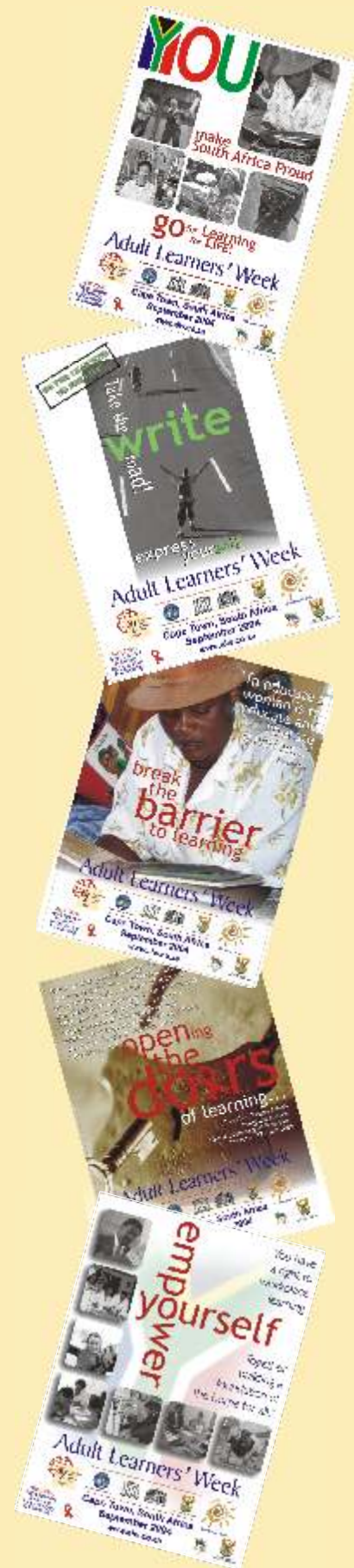
Opening plenary and focused dialogue sessions
Lunch
Afternoon plenary and focused dialogue sessions

Friday, 10 September

Morning plenary and focused dialogue sessions
Lunch
Afternoon plenary and focused dialogue sessions
National Adult Learners' Week Awards and Banquet at CTICC

Saturday, 11 September

Morning plenary
Conference closes



Conference Organising Committee:

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International Conference Registration Booking Form

This form must be e-mailed or faxed to Jacky Thomas at Adult Learners' Week.
Confirmation of your conference registration booking
will be sent by email on receipt of your form
(please indicate if you wish to receive confirmation in another format):



by email: fax: other: _____

Title: Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms: _____ First name: _____ Surname: _____

Position: _____ Organisation/Institution: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please register me for the following:

- Tours and Excursions to Sites of Learning (Mon, 6 - Tues, 7 September)
- Launch of International Conference (evening of Wed, 8 September)
- UDV/Guinness Awards Ceremony (including dinner , evening of Wed, 8 September)
- International Conference (Thurs, 9 - Sat, 11 September)
- National ALW Awards Ceremony (including dinner, evening of Fri, 10 September)

Accompanying Partners:

Please reserve a place for (name): _____

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Dietary requirements (give details here) _____

Medical requirements _____

Any other (give details here) _____

Prices quoted on current exchange rate and availability and, therefore, are subject to change.

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Position: _____ Organisation/Institution: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION

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ARABELLA SHERATON*****

This new hotel is in keeping with the Arabella Sheraton Group's proven philosophy of excellence and top quality product and service delivery.

COST:
R 1,275.00 per person sharing (B/B)
R 1,150.00 single (B/B)

HOLIDAY INN****

This stylish, upmarket hotel is within walking distance of the conference venue and a stone's throw away from the V&A Waterfront

COST:
R 1,162.00 per person sharing (B/B)
R 885.00 single (B/B)

THE CAPETONIAN HOTEL ****

Situated on the foreshore on the edge of Cape Town, this hotel has an impressive history and is within walking distance of conference venue. (Fully Halaal.)

COST:
R 350 per person sharing (B/B)
R 595 single (B/B)

Please note accommodation can be arranged for 3 - 5 people sharing

THE ST GEORGES HOTEL ****

Situated on the foreshore on the edge of Cape Town, this hotel is within walking distance of the conference venue, restaurants and shops.

COST:
R 325 per person sharing (B/B)
R 499 single (B/B)

Dates: _____ In: _____ Out: _____

Hotel choice: _____

Type and number of room/s: _____ Single: _____ Double: _____ Twin: _____

Airline and flight number: _____

Voyager No.: _____ Single/Multiple Passengers: _____

Date & Time of Arrival in South Africa: _____ Airport on arrival in South Africa: _____

Date & Time of Arrival in Cape Town: _____

Date & Time of Departure: _____

Airport transfer required: Yes/No _____

Please provide your travel agent with the SAA agreement number when booking on SAA flights.

SAA Agreement No.: ZCG564

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Pre and Post Conference Tours

For those participants who wish to arrive earlier or extend their visit an extensive range of pre and post conference tours are available, including day tours. A travel desk will be set up at the conference venue for the full duration of the conference. Please indicate if you wish to receive further information on tours.