

'A Changing Landscape - making support to higher education and research in developing countries more effective'

The Hague, 23-25 May 2005

Venue:

Atlantic Hotel, Delataplein 200, Kijkduin
The Hague

Conference Programme -

Aim and structure of the conference

The aim of the conference is to come up with experienced based recommendations that will help to make support to tertiary education and research in developing countries more effective. The conference consist of two interlinked parts: a two-day expert meeting followed by a plenary afternoon session.

The expert meeting will draw on the extensive experience of policy makers, managers, academicians with international cooperation in higher education and research, and the 'things that work' as shown by evidence from existing programmes. A group of approximately 60 international higher education experts will engage in a participatory process of finding a common ground in the experiences and visions which they have gathered over the years. It will explore opportunities for making the outputs of education and research in developing countries more effective. The interactive work in the groups will result in a set of common visions and shared recommendations.

The recommendations will be presented and discussed during the second part of the conference, a plenary afternoon session in with a broader audience of 100-120 participants in total, including Dutch politicians and government officials.

PART 1. EXPERT MEETING

Monday 23 May

16:00 – 18:00	Registration
18:00 – 19:30	Welcome drinks and buffet
19:30 – 19:40	Welcome and Introduction Mr Sander van den Eijnden, President of Nuffic
19:40 – 20:00	Future Search – Principles and Procedures Dr Han Rakels, facilitator
20:00 – 22:30	Focus on the past: Highlights and Milestones <i>Goal: Appreciation of historical developments, trends and their meaning. Learning from the past in view of a new future.</i>
22:30	End of the day

Tuesday 24 May

07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 – 10:30	Focus on the present: Current Trends <i>Goal: Understanding the forces which have an impact on the future of higher education and research in developing countries, and on the international cooperation programmes which aim to strengthen them.</i>
10:30 – 13:00	Focus on the present: Stakeholders responses to the trends <i>Goal: Understanding how stakeholders react to these trends; what they do, or not no, and what they would like to do.</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:30	Focus on the future: Vision and Ideals

	<i>Goal: Imagining an ideal future for effective support to higher education and research in developing countries.</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Tea break
16:45 – 18:00	Common Ground on the future <i>Goal: Discovering our common ideas about the future and direction of international cooperation in education and research.</i>
18:00	End of the day
19:30	Dinner at the Beach Club

Wednesday 25 May

07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 – 10:00	Common Ground: Reality Dialogue <i>Goal: Reaching agreement and common understanding on major conclusions and recommendations.</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Realising the Common Ground: Confirmation and Actions <i>Goal: Formulating future actions and soliciting commitments.</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Disseminating outcomes: Preparation of Presentation <i>Goal: Formulating Common Ground themes, statements and actions for the future, to be presented during the plenary afternoon session.</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Next steps: Follow-up <i>Goal: Confirming what Nuffic and others will do with the outcomes of this Future Search.</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Discussing outcomes: end of Future Search

PART 2. PLENARY SESSION

Wednesday 25 May

11:30 – 12:30	Registration (of additional participants)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (together with the participants of the expert meeting)
13:30 – 13:45	Welcome and Introduction Ms Trude Maas, Chair of the Nuffic Board of Trustees, Nuffic
13:45 – 14:00	Identifying the Landscape Keynote address on the challenges for higher education and research in developing countries, highlighted from a Southern perspective. <i>Dr Lidia Brito, Former Minister Higher Education, Science and Technology, Mozambique (to be confirmed).</i>
14:00 – 14:45	Exploring the Landscape: Future search Presentation of the methodology and outcome of the expert meeting: the visions and recommendations for making support to higher education and research more effective.
14:45 – 16:30	Shaping the Landscape: Open Space Participants of the expert meeting will discuss the outcome of their deliberations with parliamentarians, government officials, leaders of universities and donors. The discussions will be introduced by special guests and participants such as <i>Professor Joel Samoff, Stanford University; Ms Ruth Mollé, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Tanzania</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Tea break
17:00 – 17:40	CHANGING the LANDSCAPE Plenary presentation of the recommendations of the discussion groups
17:40 – 17:45	FIRST REACTION <i>Mr Sander van den Eijnden, President of Nuffic</i>
17:45 – 18:10	Response and Closing Speech <i>Due to other obligations, Ms Agnes Van Ardenne, Minister for Development Cooperation, was unable to attend to close the conference. On her behalf, Jan Hoekema, Director Cultural Cooperation, Education and Research of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered the closing</i>

	<i>speech.</i>
18:10 –18:15	Closing Remarks <i>Ms Trude Maas</i>
18:15	Cocktails