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UNESCO, through its Education Sector HQ (Paris), the UNESCO Regional Bureau of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean (OREALC) and the IBE (International Bureau of Education), in partnership with the “Education for All” (EFA) Flagship on the “Right to Education for Persons with Disabilities: Towards Inclusion”, are hosting the “Latin America Workshop on the Implementation of Inclusive Policies in Education: advances and pending challenges” from the 18th to the 20th of November in Santiago, Chile.

This workshop follows-up the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 48th session of the International Conference on Education (ICE 2008) adopted by 153 Member States representatives, 20 intergovernmental organizations, 25 NGOs and other civil society institutions. Additionally, an analysis will be carried out on the implementation of the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Objectives:

- (i) Present and discuss the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 48th session of the ICE and their implication in the development and strengthening of inclusive education in the region;
- (ii) Identify and analyze advances and pending challenges at the regional level with regard to the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- (iii) Discussion on the orientation and criteria to set up a Regional Observatory of Inclusive Education and other actions to support the follow-up of inclusive policies and practices; and
- (iv) Discuss and agree upon a regional agenda to strengthen a broadened concept of inclusive education as a cross-cutting dimension to EFA goals.

Expected outcomes:

- (i) Regional Agenda in Inclusive Education that contributes to strengthen the achievement of the Education for All (EFA) goals.
- (ii) Series of actions that contribute to accelerate and improve the application of the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

(iii) Foundations and basic content of a Regional Observatory of Inclusive Education

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Day 1 Wednesday 18 November, 2009	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration of Participants
Opening Session	
09:00 - 09:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Alicia Barcena, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Executive Secretary • Mr. Cristian Martínez Ahumada, Under-secretary, Chilean Ministry of Education • Ms. Ana María Foxley, UNESCO National Commission of Chile • Representative of the Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean.
09:30 – 10.00	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 1: The situation of Inclusive Education in Latin America	
10:00 – 11:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Vice Minister of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICE 2008: Main topics and challenges Introductory Video of the ICE de la ICE 2008 Sr. Renato Opertti (IBE, UNESCO) • “Inclusive education in Latin America and the Caribbean” (Presentation of the results of a quick exploration of the National Reports submitted to the ICE 2008) Mr. Massimo Amadio, UNESCO-IBE • Implications of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the ICE 2008 Ms Silvina Gvirtz (University of San Andres, Argentina)
Session 2: Conceptualizing Inclusive Education within the Framework of EFA	
11:30 – 13.00	Panel:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive education and the knowledge society Ms. Inés Aguerro (researcher, Argentina) • Inclusion and quality education: a human rights issue Ms Rosa Blanco (UNESCO Regional Bureau of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean) • Inclusion and citizenship Mr. Cristian Cox (Catholic University, Chile) <p>Discussion</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
Session 3: Regional Perspectives on social and educational inclusion	
14:30 – 16.00	<p>Moderator: Vice Minister of Education</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public policies on social inclusion and equity and inclusive education Mr. Néstor López (International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) - Buenos Aires) • Inclusion and cultural diversity: strengthening the agenda. Mr. Martin Hopenahyn (Director of the Social Division of ECLAC) • Inclusion challenges in the knowledge society: Renovating the EFA agenda Mr. Juan Carlos Tedesco (Executive Director of the Strategic Planning Unit of Education, Argentina) <p>Discussion</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
Session 4: Discussion on EFA and inclusive education	
16:30 – 18:00	<p>Moderator: UNESCO</p> <p>Panel: Vice Ministers of Education per sub-region</p>
20:00 – 22.00	Cocktail offered by UNESCO

Day 2 Thursday 19 November, 2009	
Session 5 : Towards the development of inclusive education policies: training of inclusive teachers	
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Moderator: Vice Minister of Education</p> <p>Training Education: global perspectives from the region</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Manuel Bello (Peruana Cayetano Heredia University , Peru) • Ms. Denise Vaillant (Program to Promote Educational Reform in Latin America, GTD-PREAL) • Ms. Matti Kuorelahti (Jyväskylä University, Finland) <p>Discussion</p>
11.00– 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 6: Changes of paradigm in inclusive education and their impact on school and curricular transformation	
11:30 – 13.00	<p>Moderator: Vice Minister of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive education and inclusive curricula Video ICE 2008 (experience of a school in Manchester, England) Mr. Renato Opertti (IBE, UNESCO) • Evaluation systems of quality and inclusive education Ms. Seamus Hegarty • What makes a school inclusive?- Mr. Héctor Valdés (Coordinator of the Latin American Laboratory for Assessment of the Quality of Education, LLECE, UNESCO) <p>Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
Session 7: From an education systems' perspective: What investments and actions are needed to advance with social and educational inclusion?	

14.30 – 16:00	<p>Moderator: Vice Minister of Education</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Leonardo Garnier Rímolo (Minister of Education of Costa Rica) • Mr. Fernando Filgueira (Social Division of Development of ECLAC) • Mr. Juan Eduardo García Huidobro (Alberto Hurtado University, Chile) <p>Discussion</p>
16:00 – 16.30	Coffee/Tea Break
Session 8: Tools for implementing inclusive education	
16.30 – 18:00	<p>Moderator: Vice Minister of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment tool to evaluate the quality of education regarding students with special needs in mainstream schools Ms. Cynthia Duk (Central University, Chile) • Support materials in the Region Educating for diversity in the MERCOSUR countries Indicators of inclusive schools (Colombia) Country representatives <p>Discussion</p>
20.00 – 22.00	Dinner

Day 3 Friday 20 November, 2009	
Session 9: Discussion on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	
09:00 – 10:45	<p>Moderator: Sr. Rosa Blanco (UNESCO Regional Bureau of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean)</p> <p>Video on the Convention</p> <p>The new Convention: introductory framework and a global overview The situation in the Region: signatory countries, ratifications and challenges ahead</p> <p>Focus on excluded groups</p> <p>Panel:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vernor Muñoz Villalobos (Special Rapporteur on the right to education, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva) • Mr. Kenneth Eklindh (HQ UNESCO Paris) <p>Discussion</p>
10:45-11:15	Coffee/Tea Break
11:15 – 13:00	<p>Voices from organizations advocating for the rights of people with disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Carlos Eroles (Regional Higher Education Network for People with Disabilities, Argentina) • Ms. Soledad Cisternas (Member of the Convention Monitoring Committee, Chile) • Mr. Juan Carlos Marín (Asociation of the Deaf, Chile) <p>Discussion</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
Session 10: Setting up a regional observatory on inclusive education	
14.30 – 16:00	<p>Moderator: Vice Minister of Education</p> <p>Resources and tools to monitor and evaluate inclusive education policies and inclusive education programmes</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Massimo Amadio (IBE, UNESCO) • Ms. Rosa Blanco (UNESCO Regional Bureau of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean) • Mr. Kenneth Eklindh, (HQ UNESCO Paris) <p>Discussion</p>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee/ Tea Break
Session 11: The Way of the Future: commitments and new opportunities	
16.30 – 18.00	<p>Moderator: Mr. Jorge Sequeira (Director of the UNESCO Regional Bureau of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean)</p>

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