

Appendices

1 Symposium Programme

Wednesday, 18 March 2009

Formal dinner and official opening for all participants in the NEA News Conference Room
Hosted by the National Education Association of the USA

6.00 pm	Reception
6.15–7.00 pm	Remarks
7.00–9.00 pm	Dinner

1. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions – John Wilson, NEA Executive Director
2. Commonwealth Message – Dr Caroline Pontefract, Director, Commonwealth Secretariat
3. Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Dr Roli Degazon-Johnson, Education Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat
4. Keynote Address – ‘Driving Forward the Teachers for EFA Agenda’, Steven Obeegadoo, Director, EFA Secretariat, UNESCO and former Minister of Education, Mauritius
5. Vote of Thanks – Samidha Garg, Convenor, Commonwealth Teachers Group

Symposium – Day One

Thursday, 19 March 2009

9.00–10.45 am	Coffee
10.15–12 noon	Session 1. Focus: <i>Closing the Teacher Gap – What the Research Tells Us</i> Chair: Samidha Garg , International Relations Officer, NUT

1. Researching the Commonwealth Teacher – An Overview, Dr Roli Degazon-Johnson, Education Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat
2. International Teacher Recruitment and Mobility – the United States Scenario, Dr Carol Anne Spreen, University of Virginia; David Edwards, NEA, International Relations; and Shannon Lederer, AFT, International Affairs
3. Implementation of the Commonwealth Teacher Recruitment Protocol – Preliminary Findings, Dr Kimberly Ochs, Consultant and author of *Teaching at Risk – Teacher Mobility and Loss in Commonwealth Member States*
4. International Teachers: Mobility and Transition Issues, Dr Sadhana Manik, University of KwaZulu-Natal and Dr Winsome Waite, Learning Point Associates

Observations and discussion

10.45–11 am	Coffee
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- 11–12.45 am **Session 2. Focus: *International Teacher Quality, Qualifications and Professional Recognition in the Context of International Recruitment and Migration***
 Chair: **William Ratterree**, Education Sector Specialist, ILO
1. Reciprocity and Licensure in the USA and Canada, Segun Eubanks, Director, NEA Department of Teacher Quality and John Staple, Deputy Secretary General, Canadian Teachers' Federation
 2. Researching Commonwealth Teacher Qualifications Comparability – Preliminary Findings of a Study to Reduce Skills Discounting and Promote Teacher Status, Dr James Keevy, South African Qualifications Authority
 3. Country Studies on Qualifications Quality Assurance – a UNESCO Initiative, Dr Akemi Yonemura, UNESCO Higher Education and Quality Assurance Division.
 4. Qualified Teacher Status – Indicating the Teaching Profession's Standards: Lessons from Finland, Ireland and Korea and California, Dr Margaret Snow, Academy for Educational Development, USA
- 1–2 pm Lunch
- 2.15–3.30 pm **Special Session:** Introduction of Main Speaker – **Lily Eskelsen**, NEA Vice-President
Main Address: *What the International Data Says about Closing the Global Teacher Gap*, **Professor Linda Darling-Hammond**, Charles Ducommun Professor of Education, Stanford University, USA
- Questions and discussion
- 3.30–4.00 pm Observations and discussion
- Conclusion of Day One

Symposium – Day Two

Friday, 20 March 2009

- 9.00–9.45 am Chair: **Dr Caroline Pontefract**, STPD Director, Commonwealth Secretariat
Main Address: *Making it Happen: Challenges of Transforming Education Policy into Practice – the Role of Research*, Maxine Henry-Wilson, former Minister of Education, Youth and Culture, Jamaica, and Education Consultant and Lecturer in Public Policy, University of the West Indies.
- 9.45–10.15 am Coffee
- 10.15–12.30 am **Session 4. Focus: *Teachers for EFA: The Way Forward in a Time of Crisis***
Chair: **Mary Hatwood-Futrell**, Education International Founding President and Dean of the College of Education, George Washington University.
1. Teacher Training in Sub-Saharan Africa: Reflections on an EI Study and Initiative, Dennis Sinyolo, Education International
 2. Teacher Attrition and Retention in the USA: A Meta-Analytic and Narrative Review of the Research, Judith McQuaide, NEA Research Division
 3. An ILO Commissioned Study of International Teacher Recruitment, William Ratterree, Education Sector Specialist, ILO
- 12.30–1.30 pm Lunch
- 1.30–2.30 pm **Session 5**
Small discussion groups to address recommendations for further research and action
- 2.30–3.30 pm Presentation of Recommendations and Agreement of Communiqué
Moderator: Jill Christianson, NEA International Relations Division
- 3.30–4.00 pm Conclusion and departing remarks
- 5.00 pm Activity for international guests