

**MANAGING EDUCATION REFORMS
IN COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION**

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**Azerbaijan
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Kyrgyz Republic
Mongolia
Tajikistan
Uzbekistan**

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Schlumberger Sema, Belgium
Kosia Smeda, Azerbaijan
Soros Foundation, Kazakhstan
Corporate Technologies Centre (CTC), Kyrgyz Republic
MCS, Mongolia
Open Society Institute, Tajikistan
Incon-Presta, Uzbekistan

PARTICIPANTS (PRELIMINARY LIST):

Azerbaijan Government delegation, Open Society Institute, Tahsil Society, IREX, TACIS, ACCELS, The World Bank, Kosia-Smeda (national support organization).

Kazakhstan Government delegation, Center for Civic Education, Public Union of Authors and Users of Textbooks, Association of Accredited Institutes, Association of Initiative Schools, USAID, UNICEF, UNESCO, The World Bank, Soros Foundation (national support organization).

Kyrgyz Republic Government delegation, Education Commission of Parliament, Straw Poll Center, National Research Center, Ilim Bulagy, ACCELS, Save the Children, UNICEF, CTC (national support organization).

Mongolia Government delegation, Social Standing Committee of Parliament, Education Development Institute, Center for Continuing Education, Open Society Institute, UNICEF, JICA, MCS (national support organization).

Tajikistan Government delegation, Trade Union, Aga Khan Foundation, Save the Children, Aga Khan Development Network, Open Society Institute (national support organization).

Uzbekistan Government delegation, USTOZ Foundation, Makhalla Foundation, Soros Foundation, TACIS, USAID, ACCELS, British Council, Incon-Presta (national support organization).

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1: Wednesday, 16 October 2002

- **8:00-9:00** **Registration of participants, distribution of conference materials**

- **9:00-9:30** **Plenary session I : Opening remarks**

Addresses by

- Ms Ishengul Boljurova, Minister of Education and Culture, Kyrgyz Republic
- Mr William Fraser, Senior Director, Social Sectors Division, East and Central Asia Department, Asian Development Bank

- **9:30-10:00** **Plenary session II: Why we are here**

Discussants: Mr. Marc Cohen, Asian Development Bank, Mr. Malcolm Mercer, resource person

- **10:00-10:30** **Coffee Break**

- **10:30-12:30** **Plenary session III: Achievements and remaining challenges in reforming education**

Addresses by the heads of country delegations

- Azerbaijan
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Mongolia
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan

- **12:30-14:00** **Lunch break**

- **14:00-14:30** **Plenary session IV: Introduction to the technical working group (TWGs) sessions**

Discussants: resource persons

- **14:30-15:00** **Constitution of TWGs and coffee break**

- **15:00-17:30** **Group session I: success stories and best practices in education reforms / priority areas for education cooperation**

Brainstorming sessions of the TWGs:

- Group 1: improving the quality and relevance of education
- Group 2: promoting equitable access to education
- Group 3: financing education reforms
- Group 4: modernizing the governance and management of education

- **17:30-18:30** **Conference Organization Committee Meeting**

Meeting of the Committee (comprised of ADB, national support organizations, and secretaries of the four Technical Working Groups) to discuss conference outputs

Day 2: Thursday, 17 October 2002

- **8:30-9:00 Plenary session V: Introduction to the day**

Discussants: resource persons

- **9:00-12:30 Group session II: proposals for subregional cooperation initiatives in education**

Brainstorming sessions of the TWGs:

- Group 1: improving the quality and relevance of education
- Group 2: promoting equitable access to education
- Group 3: financing education reforms
- Group 4: modernizing the governance and management of education

- **12:30-14:00 Lunch break**

- **14:00-15:30 Plenary session VI: Presentation of TWGs findings**

Speakers: Secretaries of the TWGs

- Group 1: improving the quality and relevance of education
- Group 2: promoting equitable access to education
- Group 3: financing education reforms
- Group 4: modernizing the governance and management of education

- **15:30-16:00 Coffee break**

- **16:00-16:30 Plenary session VII: Next steps**

Facilitators: resource persons

- **16:30-17:00 Closing remarks**

Speakers: heads of delegation

- **17:30-18:30 Conference Organization Committee Meeting**

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