



DRAFT AGENDA
12/03/04

**UNESCO/OECD Guidelines on “Quality Provision in Cross-border Higher Education”
Drafting Meeting 1
5-6 April 2004**

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris

5 April 2004

9:30~10:00 Opening Session

Approval of the proposed Chair and Vice-Chair of the drafting sessions
(Proposed Chair: Jan Levy, Norway; Vice-Chair: Mala Singh, South Africa)

Opening Remarks

John Daniel, Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
Barry McGaw, Director, Directorate for Education, OECD

10:00~10:30 Perspectives on international quality assurance, accreditation and recognition of qualifications

Teiichi Sato, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of Japan to UNESCO
Michael Omolewa, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of Nigeria to UNESCO and President of the UNESCO General Conference.

In this session, speakers will raise issues on international quality assurance, accreditation and recognition of qualifications from national, regional and global perspectives and identify possible issues that can be addressed in the guidelines in order to assure the quality of cross-border delivery of higher education and to protect students/learners.

10:30~10:50 Coffee Break

10:50~12:30 Discussion on Guidelines on “quality provision in cross-border higher education”

This session will allow participants to express their views on international quality assurance, accreditation and recognition of qualifications and on how best to develop UNESCO/OECD Guidelines on “quality provision in cross-border higher education”. There will be a special focus on discussing the policy objectives of the guidelines.

**UNESCO/OECD note on “Proposed policy objectives, timeline and process of the UNESCO/OECD work on guidelines for quality provision in cross-border higher education”*

**A note will be prepared on legal issues concerning respectively non-binding UNESCO and OECD “guidelines”*

12:30~14:00 Lunch

14:00~15:00 Introductory session to the workshops

Stamenka Uvalic-Trumbic, UNESCO
Kurt Larsen, OECD

In this session, the timetable and process of drafting the guidelines will be presented. The five themes that will be discussed in the workshops will also be briefly addressed. The presentation will be followed by a brief discussion.

** UNESCO/OECD note on “Proposed policy objectives, timeline and process of the UNESCO/OECD work on guidelines for quality provision in cross-border higher education”*

15:00~17:00 Workshops (including coffee break)

Participants will work in three or four groups. All of the groups will discuss the following themes:

- 1) Guidelines for higher education institutions*
- 2) Guidelines for quality assurance and accreditation agencies*
- 3) Guidelines for recognition and credential evaluation agencies*
- 4) Guidelines for professional bodies*
- 5) International database on recognised higher education providers*

**A discussion note will be prepared for the themes.*

**For each group, several moderators will be asked to open the discussion by giving a brief presentation of the view on the themes.*

18:00~ Reception (Hosted by UNESCO)

6 April 2004

10:00~12:30 Workshops (continued) (including coffee break)

12:30~14:00 Lunch

14:00~16:00 Discussion in plenary

Rapporteurs of the workshops will report back in plenary on their discussion in the working groups. This will be followed by discussion in plenary on the three themes.

16:00~16:30 Conclusions and next steps

UNESCO Secretariat
Bernard Hugonnier, Deputy-Director, Directorate for Education, OECD