Parallel Session Guidelines & Details

Parallel sessions are scheduled according to the Conference Program. Each parallel session is chaired by the session chair. The Chair will introduce the session in 2-3 minutes. Oral presentations are organized in parallel sessions within time slots of 20 minutes maximum for all presentations. Every parallel session presentation will therefore be assigned approx. 10 minutes or less. The presenters will summarize and discuss four core issues emerging from presentations made in plenary and related to the theme of the parallel session.

These issues for strategic choices, lessons learnt and recommendations will be open to in-depth discussion. The last 30 minutes of the session will be devoted to the formulation of conclusion and recommendations led by the Chair. The same output will be expected from the 6 Working Groups of the Parallel sessions to be reflected in the Communiqué and a set of strong recommendations.

Each group should identify a rapporteur who will report back in plenary.

The Parallel sessions are the following:

**Working Group 1**: The Funding gap: main issue for strategic choices, lessons learnt, recommendations
**Working Group 2**: the Policy gap: main issue for strategic choices, lessons learnt, recommendations (including the issue of fragile states)
**Working Group 3**: the Capacity gap: main issue for strategic choices, lessons learnt, recommendations
**Working Group 4**: contractual teachers: main issue for strategic choices, lessons learnt, recommendations
**Working Group 5**: Teacher Gap from a gender perspective: main issue for strategic choices, lessons learnt, recommendations
**Working Group 6**: ECCE / ECD: main issue for strategic choices, lessons learnt, recommendations

The Communiqué of the Conference will take into account the results of the parallel sessions.