

OECD Kosovo Education Conference Programme
Pristina, 9-12 June 2002

THEMES AND AIMS:

Main Goal: To provide a forum to stimulate dialogue between the four main groups invested in Kosovo education: the Ministry, international experts on the ground and abroad, international donors, and local experts; and to provide the opportunity to assess the past and present state of education in Kosovo while seeking the best route towards furthering education reform in Kosovo in the future.

The main themes of discussion will be:

Higher Education and the two Universities; Reforms in VET, teacher training, curriculum & special needs; Education policy; Community rights; and Standards, monitoring & assessment.

In the framework of the key OECD Country report on Kosovo, and other key documents, the conference aims

- To present a comprehensive view on the status of education in Kosovo
- To facilitate an open discussion of the OECD country report and related matters
- To use this opportunity to discuss with the new Ministry their priorities and how they could be addressed
- To provide a forum to discuss the concrete needs and current perspectives of the Kosovar educational system
- To encourage interaction and exchange between Kosovar and international education experts

ORGANIZER: Ministry of Education Science and Technology, Kosovo PISG

CO-ORGANIZERS: OECD, Stability Pact for SEE Task Force on Youth and Education

VENUES: Library on the University of Pristina campus

Sunday, 9 June

- 17:00 – 18.45 **Arrival and registration of participants until 18.45**
- Hotel guests can meet at 18.50 in Grand hotel lobby to be escorted to the National Library
- 19:00 **Pre-conference opening, National Library**
- Facilitator provides organizational remarks and information.
 - **Minister Rexhep Osmani's** welcome address
 - **Michael Daxner:** "What has been achieved so far?"
 - Reply by **Minister Rexhep Osmani**
 - No formal dinner

Monday, 10 June

National Library

Dr. Anton Dobart, Stability Pact Task Force Youth and Education, Chair & Moderator

- 09:00 Facilitator: organizational remarks and technical introduction
- 09:15 **Minister Rexhep Osmani:** Formal opening and welcome to guests
- 09:45 **Keynote: H.E. Ambassador Schramek,** Envoy of Austria to OECD, Paris
- 10:15 – 10.35 Coffee Break

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| 10.45 | Ian Whitman - OECD report presentation |
| 11.15 | Minister Rexhep Osmani : "Plans for the Future" |
| 12:00 | Discussion |
| 12.45 – 14:00 | Lunch Break (at participants' convenience) |
| 14:00 | Local speakers for the Lead Agencies – Reactions to the Minister's speech and the OECD Report. (Interventions of 10 – 15 minutes each) |
| 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 | International response from Lead Agencies and International staff (Interventions of 10 minutes each) |
| 17: 00 | Local response to the international opinions |
| 17.45 | Today's conclusions by the Chair |
| 19:00 | Formal dinner hosted by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology <i>Villa Germia Restaurant</i> |

Tuesday, 11 June *National Library*

Ambassador Schramek, Austrian Envoy to OECD, Chair & Moderator

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| 09:00 | Keynote: Anton Dobart : Stability Pact, Task Force on Youth and Education |
| 09:40 | Short statements of leading international donors and agencies |
| 10:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 – 12.30 | Local Expert's Interventions (The first five interventions 5 minutes each): General Education: Zymryte Limani Education Policy: Ragip Zekolli Vocational Education: Luljeta Demjaha Higher Education: Xhavit Rexhaj Community Rights: Local officer to be named |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break (<i>to be announced</i>) & |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | Press conference (Minister Rexhep Osmani, OECD, PIO Abdul Aziz Khan) |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | Working Group Discussions on education policy, community rights, general education, vocational education, higher education. |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Presentation of Reports of the Working Groups |
| 17:00 | Christine Stromberger : OECD summary |
| 17:30 | Speaker to be announced : UNMIK perspective |
| 17:45 | Minister Rexhep Osmani : Conclusions |
| 18:00 | Final remarks by the Chair, Ambassador Schramek , Close of the Conference |
| 18:30 – 22:00 | Dinners & Meetings of working groups, Task Forces, Projects and Programs arranged at participant's convenience |

Wednesday, 12 June

(The morning is open for a continuation of informal talks)

Departure of participants

Transportation: provided from hotel to airport if needed