



Educaid.be: Retrospective and prospects

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Motives for the platform?

- Multitude of Belgian organizations active in education and training in the South
- Until recently: no structural consultation between Belgian actors in Belgium
- Declaration of Paris and recommendations of DAC

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Objectives

- Strengthen quality of programs in the South
- Create formative environment in the North
- Contribute to improve official policy in Belgium on education and development
- Induce collaboration/complementarities in the field, whenever possible, desirable of necessary

Structure of the platform

- Steering Committee: decides on strategic orientations and functioning of platform
- Forum: open for all organisations, institutions and individuals active in education and training within development cooperation
- Actually three working groups:
 - Basic education
 - Technical and Vocational Education and Training
 - ICT and education, ICT and libraries, Distance Education

Realisations 2011 (1)

- 2011 was year of starting-up
- Website: <http://www.educaid.be>
- For the moment 45 member organisations are involved in the Platform
- Diversity of members:
 - Policy makers, ONG's, educational institutions, private organisations
 - Involvement of Flemish and Francophone organisations

Realisations 2011 (2)

- Three thematic seminars organised, with broad involvement of international experts and experts from the South:
 - “How to develop harmonized projects/programmes between Belgian actors? The case of Rwanda” (28/06/2011)
 - “ICT and development in the great lakes region of Africa” (21/10/2011)
 - “Building bridges between school and work” (07/10/2011)
- Several lectures of international experts and experts “from the terrain”
- Annual seminar: Development cooperation in the education sector: trends and challenges from international and Belgian perspective (06/12/2011)

Perspectives 2012

- Deliver contributions to the Belgian development cooperation in education
- Deepening and further developing formative environment in the North via lectures, workshops and seminars
- Stimulating durable collaboration between all actors
- Exploration of possibilities for collaboration between Educaid.be and other international networks on education and development cooperation

More information?

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