

WORKSHOP ARRANGEMENTS

BACKGROUND

This was the third in a series of regional workshops recommended by Commonwealth Ministers of Education at the Seventh Commonwealth Conference held in Accra in 1977. Each of the workshops was organized jointly by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the host government and funded by the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation. Royal Swazi National Airline contributed financially to a small extent to the present workshop.

The first workshop on the theme "Towards a co-ordinated policy on in-service teacher education" was held in Barbados for the Caribbean region of the Commonwealth.

The second, on the theme, "Educating teachers for changing roles" was held in Sri Lanka for the Asian region of the Commonwealth.

The Swaziland workshop was for the Africa region and had as its theme, "Implementing programmes of in-service teacher education".

PROGRAMME

Objectives

1. To survey the patterns of in-service teacher education currently being conducted in African Commonwealth countries and draw conclusions as to future needs.
2. To examine and assess the effectiveness of alternative delivery systems of in-service teacher education.
3. To determine the most effective way of ensuring that practising teachers get the support and supervision that they need.
4. To consider existing examples of co-operation within the African region in the matter of in-service teacher education and make recommendations for further fruitful co-operation.

Agenda

1. Reports of in-service teacher education in Commonwealth African countries.
2. Alternative delivery systems for in-service teacher education.
3. Supervising in-service teacher education.
4. Regional co-operation in in-service teacher education.

Groups

1. Educational administrators.
2. Teacher educators.

Timetable

Monday 14th May

1400 - 1630

Registration

Tuesday 15th May

0900 - 1000

Opening Ceremony.

1045 - 1200

Plenary session for country reports

1400 - 1500

Plenary session for country reports

1530 - 1630

Plenary session for country reports

Wednesday 16th May

0900 - 1200

Educational visit to William Pitcher Training College and Curriculum Development Units.

1400 - 1500

Plenary session for country reports

1530 - 1630

Plenary session for country reports

Thursday 17th May

0900 - 1015

Plenary session to introduce lead paper 1:
'The role of Distance Education in In-service Teacher Education'.

1045 - 1200

Group session on lead paper 1.

1400 - 1500

Group session on lead paper 1.

1530 - 1630

Plenary session to introduce lead paper 2:
'Alternative Approaches to teacher Education'.

Friday 18th May

0900 - 1015

Educational visit to Swaziland International Education Centre.

1045 - 1200

Group session on lead paper 2.

1400 - 1500

Group session on lead paper 2.

1530 - 1630

Group session to finalise group reports.

Saturday 19th May

0900 - 1200

Free.

1400 - 1700

Tour of local area.

Sunday 20th May	
0900 - 1200	Free.
1500 - 1630	Cultural programme by students of William Pitcher Training College
Monday 21st May	
0900 - 1015	Plenary session to introduce lead paper 3: 'Making In-service Teacher Education Effective'.
1045 - 1200	Group session on lead paper 3.
1400 - 1500	Group session on lead paper 3.
Monday 21st May	
1530 - 1630	Group session to finalise group reports.
Tuesday 22nd May	
0900 - 1015	Plenary session to introduce lead paper 5 on the work of WCOTP.
1045 - 1200	Plenary session to introduce the report of the Asia Regional Workshop on In-Service Teacher Education.
1400 - 1500	Plenary session to introduce lead paper 4 on Commonwealth Co-operation.
1530 - 1630	Plenary session to introduce the report of the Caribbean Regional Workshop on In-Service Teacher Education.
Wednesday 23rd May	
0900 - 1015	Group session to review other issues related to in-service teacher education.
1045 - 1200	Continuation of group discussion.
1330 - 1700	Visit to Mlilwane Game Park.
Friday 25th May	
0900 - 1030	Plenary session to adopt draft report of the workshop.
1100 - 1200	Closing ceremony.