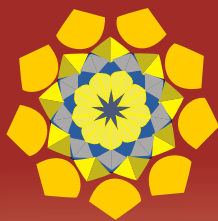


Call for Papers

National Institute Open Schooling (NIOS), an autonomous organization under the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of HRD, Government of India invites papers from Experts in EFA/ODL, Educational Planners/Policy makers/Administrators, Representatives of Open Schools & other interested individuals from India & abroad on the above mentioned themes.

The paper should be typed in MS-word, font size-12 (Times New Roman) within 4000 words along with an abstract of 500 words. The contributors are requested to send the full paper and abstract to The Academic Officer (Sociology), National Institute Open Schooling (NIOS), A-24-25, Institutional Area, Sector-62, Noida-201309 (U.P) India. A soft copy is required to be sent via e-mail to sukantamahapatra@nios.ac.in, with a copy marked to diracad@nios.ac.in. The last date of receiving the full paper with abstract is December 31, 2012. No paper will be considered after this date. Details including name, designation, address and contact details with email id of the presenter should be given along with the papers.

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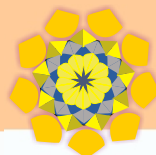
“Education for all” declares that everyone has a right to education. Its aim is to give everyone a chance to learn and benefit from basic education not as an accident of circumstance, or as a privilege, but as a right.”



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Sub-Themes



The sub-themes of the conference will be

- a) **Issues of Access & Equity:**
 - Expansion and meeting of demand; Retention/completion
 - Awareness Building and Advocacy for open schooling
- b) **Issues of Quality (materials, curriculum, delivery system, evaluation)**
 - Relevance (need based); contextualised; goal-oriented
 - Learner Support Services and delivery system
 - ICT & Multimedia
 - Capacity Building
 - Research and Development
 - Innovation
- c) **Institutional related issues and operational strategies:**
 - Management of open schooling
 - Financing of Open Schooling
 - Monitoring and Quality Assurance in Open Schooling
 - Networking and Collaboration
 - Resource Mobilisation
 - Documentation of Success Stories
- d) **Issues pertaining to Skill Development through Open Schooling:**
 - Levels (elementary, secondary and senior secondary)
 - Types (general, vocational)
 - Integration of Academic Education and Vocational Education/Skill Development

The movement towards *Education for All* revitalized educational reforms all over the world. Major progress has been made in terms of access to primary education and declining number of out of school children. However, the emphasis is now being given on Universalization of Secondary Education. India has already made a beginning in this direction.

It is being increasingly realized that **the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode of education, especially at the Secondary and the Senior Secondary school education levels, is the need of the hour and should be practiced in all countries, along with the formal system of education. The Open Schooling system**, with its various learner friendly characteristics and inputs like flexibility in place and pace of learning, self learning material, media and ICT support, Personal Contact Programme (PCP), recognizing and accommodating learner's preferred learning objectives (programmatic or course- or module-specific), his or her selected means for accomplishing the learning and demonstrating its attainment, and his or her need for student support services that will maximize the individual's chances of success, thus has emerged as a potential alternative system of education. As a result, substantial expansion of Open Schooling Institutions has taken place over the past few years.

Globally, the progress of Open Schooling programme is varied in nature and scope. Whereas in some countries the Open School programme has made significant strides, in several countries it is at the initial stage. Some countries have not started the open schooling programme, but they essentially need to open up to the idea of open schooling to achieve the goal of Education for All.

In order to achieve the goal of Universalization of school education, it is obvious the open schooling will have to play a more vital role. It is in this context that an international conference is being visualized for deliberating upon the role of open schooling in fulfilling this cherished goal for Education for All in all developing countries, particularly those that come under the umbrella of the *Commonwealth*.

The objectives of the conference will be to

1. exchange and share existing national and international experiences/practices for achieving Education for all
2. discuss issues and concerns pertaining to education for all at different levels and types of school education
3. suggest strategies and interventions to achieve the goal of Education for All through open schooling

Objectives



Conference Methodology



The conference format would be a mix of thematic and plenary sessions, panel discussion and presentation of papers. If needed, parallel session may be organised for presentation of papers. In the end, recommendations of the conference will be drafted and deliberated in a plenary session for adoption.

Participants



To achieve the above objectives, the Conference will witness active participation of experts in the field of education/ODL and officials involved in policy making at school level. Participants will include:

- Experts in EFA/ODL from India & abroad
- Educational Planners/ Policymakers/ Administrators from India & abroad
- Representatives of Open Schools from India & abroad