

World Coalition for Equity and Diversity in Education Statement for Launch

The Korean Association for Multicultural Education, the National Association for Multicultural Education, and the International Association for Intercultural Education are pleased to announce the founding of the World Coalition for Equity and Diversity in Education (WCEDE).

The WCEDE is an alliance of national, regional, and international associations that work toward advancing inclusive and cross-cultural education based on principles of diversity, social justice, equity, and human rights, both within and across national borders, with the goal of serving the public good and influencing educational policies around the world.

The WCEDE seeks to advance inclusive and cross-cultural education based on principles of diversity, social justice, equity, and human rights, both within and across national borders, with the goal of serving the public good around the world. Given current global challenges in public education, the environment, movement of peoples across borders and human rights the role of organizations such as the WCEDE to bring together voices, experiences and actions of scholars, activists, practicing educators, and others to respond to these challenges is more important than ever before. The WCEDE hopes to be a collective global voice of change and action in these challenging times laying a foundation of collaboration within and across borders.

The goals of the WCEDE are:

1. To facilitate global dialogue on educational policies, and practices related to diversity and equity in education globally
2. To broaden understandings of diversity and equity in education by considering the interplay among local, national, and global contexts;
3. To promote and facilitate international exchange and co-operation in research and practice
4. To build and expand capacity to undertake transformation of education
5. To facilitate the building of a global movement that advances the principles of equity, diversity, human rights and social justice

Initial discussions regarding operationalizing these goals including promoting each others' organizations and activities, pursuing joint grant related activities, creating special publications and joint research activities, and sponsoring of a world congress meeting once every third year.

The WCEDE will hold its first tri annual Congress in May, 2019 in Seoul, Korea and will be hosted by the Korean Association for Multicultural Education. This Congress will provide representative members as well as educational professionals in dialog around critical questions around issues such as immigration, refugee education, indigenization, and sustainability in multicultural societies.

The WCEDE is open to inviting other organizations committed to these principles and goals to contact us regarding membership in the Coalition.

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