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# UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

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## Workshop on the Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE) Hamburg, 20-22 February 2008

The Sixth UNESCO International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI) will be held in Brazil in 2009, aiming to promote the recognition of adult learning and education (ALE) as an important and conducive factor enabling lifelong learning. CONFINTEA VI will highlight its crucial role in international education and development initiatives such as EFA, MDGs, UNLD, LIFE and DESD. It is also expected to renew international momentum for ALE and develop the tools for implementation in order to move from rhetoric to action.

The UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) is coordinating the CONFINTEA VI preparatory process in cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Regional Bureaus and the host country of CONFINTEA VI, with the support of the Consultative Group (CG). During the first meeting in Elsinore, the CG pinpointed the needs for comprehensive research in the field of adult education.

The CG's proposal charged UIL with the task of preparing the Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE) as one of the preparatory steps for CONFINTEA VI. GRALE will serve as a reference document, an accountability report and also an advocacy paper which unites trends and key issues and highlights the key role and impact of adult learning and education in today's world.

A special editorial team including peer-reviewers with expertise in the field of adult learning and education will work on GRALE. To prepare for GRALE, UIL will hold two technical working meetings with the editorial team in February and November 2008. As a first step forward, the workshop in February will focus on developing the overall outline and framework for GRALE based on a shared understanding.

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