



18th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers

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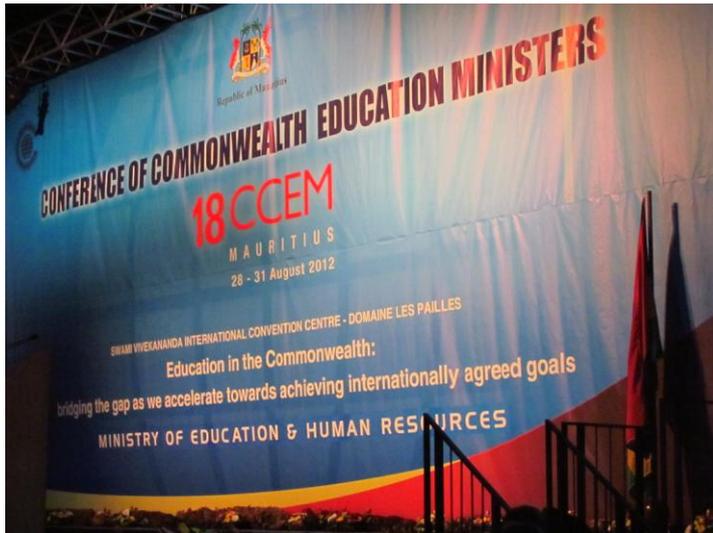
Keith Lewin was invited to lead the plenary discussion on the future of the Millennium Development Goals and Education for All targets at the 18th Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers in Mauritius August 28th-31st. There were 48 Ministers present at the discussion with their teams of senior officials. The panel that Keith led included the former Deputy President of South Africa. The discussion was shaped to explore some of the key issues facing stakeholders as 2015 approaches, and to identify the best way for a Commonwealth voice to be projected to the UN High Level Group on revising the MDGs co-chaired by David Cameron, and to Dr Aminah Mohammed who is Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning and who attended part of the conference.

The final communique of the CCEM18 meeting agreed to establish a Ministerial working party to feed into the UN processes indicated above. This will produce its recommendations by November 2012 and Keith is continuing to advise the working party.

Keith also led a break out group the following day on educational financing. This was attended by over 30 of the delegates including eight Ministers. The outline brief to Ministers used to catalyse discussion of the MDGs/EFA Goals is available at www.create-rpc and on the CIE website along with briefing documents on educational finance and the associated powerpoint presentations.



48 Commonwealth Ministers



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