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## IX ICAE World Assembly and IX ICAE General Assembly

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IX ICAE World Assembly

The World Assembly of the International Council of Adult Education took place from June 11 to 13, 2015 and was followed on Sunday, June 14, by the IX ICAE General Assembly. The main objective was to create a connection between the international movement for adult education and the concerns of social movements and organizations in Quebec and Canada.

The World Assembly was organized through several plenary sessions (Plenary Public Session: Women, Natives and the Decolonization of Education; Introduction to the Thematic Workshops; Patrick Bonin - Greenpeace Canada; Voices in Dialogue and Closing Plenary), as well as workshops and different activities (Popular Education City Tour, Stands, Opening Ceremony and Celebration Dinner).





On Thursday evening the **Opening Ceremony and welcoming cocktail** had the interventions of **Pierre Doray** - ICÈA President, **Michael Ahrihron Delisle jr.** - Grand Chief Mohawk Community of Kahnawake, **Alan Tuckett** – ICAE President, **Arne Carlsen** – UIL Director; **Guy Breton** – Rector of the Université de Montréal and the moderator was **Léa Cousineau** – ICÈA.

The activities went on with the Plenary Public Session: **Women, Natives and the Decolonization of Education**. Around the world, indigenous and racialized peoples are challenging what is knowledge and how education functions to maintain fundamental injustices and inequalities grounded in Western Countries. We, adult educators, activists and the women movements, are involved in redefining education in order to open the doors to ending racial hierarchy. This opening panel of the ICAE World Assembly united women involved in these struggles from different regions of the world to decolonize knowledge and education. The event was chaired by ICAE/GEO, a strong pillar of ICAE for years, together with the [World Women's March \( WWM \)](#) in Quebec.



The speakers were: **Viviane Michel** - President of Quebec Native Women and WWM; **Sandra Morán** – WWM Guatemala; **Helena Wong** – Global Justice and the group spearheading WWM USA; **Celita Eccher** – former ICAE Secretary General and member of the Board of Trustees of DAWN and GEO; **Aminata Diallo Boly** – Program coordinator of Education at Andal & Pinal Association for the training of nomadic pastoral



communities in Burkina Faso and member of GEO; **Swarnlata Mahilkar** – NIRANTAR India and member of GEO; Moderator: **Shirley Walters** – University of Western Cape Town and member of GEO.

We would like to share an extract of this plenary:



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FINAL VIDEO: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TORHbkgP-6E&fb\\_action\\_ids=10205421643514131&fb\\_action\\_types=og.shares&fb\\_source=other\\_multiline&action\\_object\\_map=\[1083498128344485\]&action\\_type\\_map=\[%22og.shares%22\]&action\\_ref\\_map=\[\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TORHbkgP-6E&fb_action_ids=10205421643514131&fb_action_types=og.shares&fb_source=other_multiline&action_object_map=[1083498128344485]&action_type_map=[%22og.shares%22]&action_ref_map=[])

Find more pictures at: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10152972342728325.1073741838.115598113324&type=3>

The **Plenary: Introduction to Thematic Workshop** took place on Friday morning with a discussion about the Education Post-2015 agenda as it faces the challenges of climate change. This was followed by the Plenary "A conversation between Greenpeace and the ICAE" with **Patrick Bonin** (Greenpeace Canada) and **Roberto Guevara** (ASPBAE and ICAE Vice president for and South Pacific ASIA Region).





In the afternoon, dozens of workshops were coordinated by organizations from Canada and from abroad. They prompted the discussion and allowed the exchange about the concerns of these groups in the context of the Assembly's themes and the Education Post-2015 agenda.



See more pictures here: [https://www.facebook.com/ICAefbk/photos\\_stream?tab=photos\\_albums](https://www.facebook.com/ICAefbk/photos_stream?tab=photos_albums)



The final day, Saturday June 13, began with a plenary entitled **Voices in Dialogue**, which aimed at creating an intergenerational dialogue about global issues related to the right to education and lifelong learning.

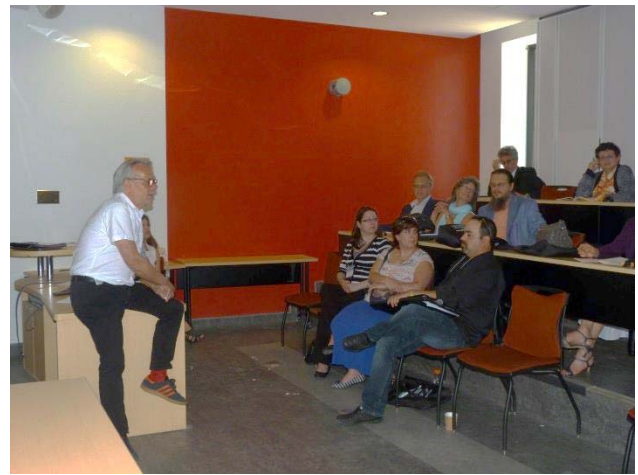
### *Voices in Dialogue*

The speakers were **Alan Tuckett** – ICAE, **Arne Carlsen** – UIL, **Sandy Morrison** – ASPBAE, **Sebastián Vielmas** – IALLA, **Veronique de Sève** – CSN and **Sara Longwe** – GEO



In the afternoon, there were **Simultaneous Thematic Assemblies** (Right to education and lifelong learning for all, beyond 2015; Capacity building for advocacy; Role of adult learning and education for sustainable development; Adult Learning and Education, Power Relations, Decent Work, Gender Equality and Community Engagement and Quality inclusive education for all) and the **Closing Plenary**, whose main purpose was reporting from the thematic Assemblies, Final Declaration and Words of Thanks.





Please find more information about **the Thematic Assemblies** in this link: <http://www.waam2015.org/en/articles?page=1>



### *Closing Plenary*

You can see the program of the World Assembly here: <http://www.waam2015.org/en/program>  
All workshops: ICAE and self-organized activities <http://www.waam2015.org/en/workshops>

## IALLA alumni at IX ICAE World Assembly



Since the VII ICAE World Assembly in Nairobi – Kenya (January 2007), IALLA (ICAE Academy for Lifelong Learning and Advocacy) graduates actively participate in this annual event organizing workshops, contributing to the panels, translating, taking photos, filming, etc. 10 years after the first IALLA edition, in the World Assembly in Montreal, they were not just volunteer animators and participants; they also increased their presence in the Executive Committee (Aminata Diallo Boly from Burkina Faso became Treasurer, Carmen Campero from México became Vice-president for Latin America and Valerio Ussene from Mozambique became a board member). We congratulate them.

We would like to share now with you the work that was done by Kamil Gerónimo, from Puerto Rico, who took part of the last IALLA edition that took place in Jordan. She conducted several interviews to different participants from different regions.

<http://www.icae2.org/index.php/en/news-2/376-ialla-alumni-at-ix-icae-world-assembly>



## IX ICAE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On Sunday June 14, the last **General Assembly of ICAE** took place. The agenda was as follows:

Adoption of the agenda and quorum, Adoption of the minutes of the Malmö General Assembly, Review and adoption of the narrative report presented by the Secretary General, Review and adoption of the financial report presented by the Treasurer, Election of ICAE Executive Committee members, President's view of the last 4 years of activities and the challenges, Presentation of Evaluation Report and Management Response, Debate and Agreement on ICAE Strategies and Plans 2014-2019, Adoption of the World Assembly statement, Celebration of the work of Celita Eccher, Farewell to ICAE President, Treasurer and Executive Committee members and Closing: Words from the New President.



One of the highlights was the election of the ICAE Executive Committee members.



The new **Executive Committee** for the period 2015-2019 includes the following members:

**PRESIDENT**

**Sandy Morrison - New Zealand**

**TREASURER**

**Aminata Diallo Boly - Burkina Faso**

**VICE PRESIDENTS**

Africa – **Shirley Walters**/South Africa

Arab Region – **Seham Negm**/Egypt

Asia and South Pacific – **J. Roberto Guevara**/Philippines

Caribbean – **Shermain Barrett**/Jamaica

Europe – **Uwe Gartenschlaeger**/Germany

Latin America – **Carmen Campero**/Mexico

North America – **Marcie Boucouvalas**/USA

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Fotouh Younes** - Jordan

**Nélida Céspedes** - Peru

**Valerio Ussene** - Mozambique

**Former President**

**Alan Tuckett**/UK



## IX ICAE WORLD ASSEMBLY

### Declaration

Montreal 14 June 2015

We, adult educators and learners of the world and members of the International Council for Adult Education, reaffirm, together with the 2015 World Education Forum, that education throughout life is a fundamental human right, a basis for guaranteeing the attainment of all other human rights, and a public good.

We reaffirm our global, regional and local commitments and our passion for the full realization of the right to education for peace. This right is required to build the world we want for all, especially for young and adult people, regardless of age, gender, ability or circumstances. This right is the foundation of a world based on democratic participation, justice, equality, respect, care and solidarity among our diverse people. We must be in harmony with our cultural and environmental rights...

Read more here:

**English:** [http://www.icae2.org/images/icae\\_declaration\\_140615.pdf](http://www.icae2.org/images/icae_declaration_140615.pdf)

**Français:** <http://www.icae2.org/index.php/fr/nouvelles/373-ixe-assemblee-mondiale-du-conseil-international-pour-l-education-des-adultes-declaration>

**Español:** <http://www.icae2.org/index.php/es/novedades/374-ix-asamblea-mundial-del-icae-declaracion>



### Acknowledgements

We thank all those who contributed to the organization of this event. Their time and dedication have made this World Assembly 2015 a success. We thank especially the volunteers who kindly offered their time and their support to this event.

*Photos Kamil Gerónimo – IALLA and Marcela Mazzei - ICAE*