

**FRIDAY MORNING**  
**May 29, 1998**

**PLENARY SESSION ON SUB-THEME A**  
***TRANSITIONS INTO AND THROUGH THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS***  
**AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

**Plenary session - Salon A**

Dr. Paul Cappon, Director General of CMEC, will moderate the plenary session on Sub-theme A, *Transitions Into and Through the School Systems*.

A minister will chair the session and introduce members of the panel.

In a series of presentations, the panellists will identify issues specific to the topics selected for Sub-theme A: preparation for learning and pre-school education; transitions at the elementary and secondary levels; transitions to and within postsecondary education; good schools, good citizens. Reference will be made to the documents prepared for this sub-theme and posted on the CMEC Web site in the weeks preceding the forum.

Based on questions submitted to the CMEC Secretariat by registrants prior to the forum, the chair will then question the panellists in an effort to further clarify or deepen understanding of the issues.

**Small-Group Discussions**

The purpose of the small-group discussions is to allow participants to explore more fully the issues, priorities, and possible collaborative action related to the overall theme and specific topics. A facilitator will guide discussions and assist the group in achieving consensus on common priorities and, if possible, on suggestions for collaborative action. A recorder will summarize the points on which consensus was reached for the rapporteur who will be responsible for synthesizing the outcomes of all of the discussions held on the topics of Sub-theme A.

Participants are encouraged to base their contributions not only on the reference documents produced for Sub-theme A or on the panel presentations, but also on their own experiences and perspectives.

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**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**  
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**PLENARY SESSION ON SUB-THEME B**  
***SCHOOL TO WORK AND WORK TO SCHOOL TRANSITIONS***  
**AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

**Plenary session - Salon A**

Dr. Paul Cappon, Director General of CMEC, will moderate the plenary session on Sub-theme B, *School to Work and Work to School Transitions*.

A minister will chair the session and introduce members of the panel.

The panellists will present the major findings of the reference documents produced on the topics for Sub-theme B and suggest points upon which participants may choose to expand in their small-group sessions. The following topics will be covered in the presentations: the relevance of education to the world of work with a focus on youth employment; prior learning assessment and recognition; continuing education; and the OECD Thematic Review: *The Transition from Initial Education to Working Life*. The reference documents were posted on the CMEC Web site and were available to participants before the forum.

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Throughout the forum, for each discussion topic, there will normally be four concurrent small-group discussions. However, only one larger session will be held for the OECD Thematic Review: *The Transition from Initial Education to Working Life*.

Participants are encouraged to base their contributions not only on the reference documents produced for Sub-theme B or on the panel presentations, but also on their own experiences and perspectives.

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**PLENARY SESSION ON SUB-THEME C**  
***THE CHANGING LABOUR MARKET ENVIRONMENT***  
**AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

**Plenary session - Salon A**

Dr. Paul Cappon, Director General of CMEC, will moderate the plenary session on Sub-theme C, *The Changing Labour Market Environment*.

A minister will chair the session and introduce members of the panel.

Two of the panellists will discuss some of the issues identified for Sub-theme C and will pose questions intended to increase the level of understanding of the material presented in the reference documents distributed in advance via CMEC's Web site. The documents covered topics on the world of work; updating essential skills for the workplace; further training and education; and career and personal counselling.

Following these presentations, the moderator will invite the two other panellists to discuss issues pertinent to the sub-theme and respond to the questions raised by their co-panellists.

**Small-Group Discussions**

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Participants are encouraged to base their contributions not only on the reference documents produced for Sub-theme C or on the panel presentations, but also on their own experiences and perspectives.

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**FINAL PLENARY SESSIONS  
*LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD: PAN-CANADIAN COOPERATION*  
AND  
RAPPORTEURS' HIGHLIGHTS**

**Plenary session - Salon A**

Dr. Paul Cappon, Director General of CMEC, will moderate both sessions.

***Looking back, looking forward: pan-Canadian cooperation***

The purpose of this session is to focus and reflect upon the advancement of Canadian education, considered in its broadest sense, through cooperation and collaboration. Three members of CMEC and representatives of "user" groups (business, labour, students, and parents) will present information and interact with one another. They will outline examples of interjurisdictional and intersectoral cooperation that have supported the advancement of education. They will also suggest opportunities for collaborative action to further the development of education in Canada.

The Conference Board of Canada, the Canadian Labour Congress, the Canadian Federation of Students, and the *Commission nationale des parents francophones* will represent education "user" groups.

***Rapporteurs' Highlights***

Three rapporteurs, each assigned one of the forum's sub-themes, will present a synthesis of the work of the small-group sessions. They will outline areas of consensus or disagreement in terms of priorities for action and identify for CMEC possible collaborative actions.

The CMEC Vice-Chair will close the Third National Forum on Education.

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