

Follow-up of CONFINTEA VI:

Reporting template for National progress reports in preparation of the Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE) and the end of the United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD)

National progress report submitted by

the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

This report is submitted on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in accordance with the commitments made at the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI)¹ as laid down in the *Belém Framework for Action*², specifically with regard to monitoring its follow-up.

This report is organised in different sections according to the key areas of CONFINTEA VI. Accompanying this are the explanatory notes³, which are meant to provide further clarification.

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¹ For more information about CONFINTEA VI see: <u>http://www.unesco.org/en/confinteavi/</u>

² Available in nine languages at <u>http://www.unesco.org/en/confinteavi/belem-framework-for-action/</u>

³ The explanatory notes are intended to be a reference material to clarify the scope and background of the reporting template and explain some basic terms.

Report elaboration process

Which institutions and stakeholders provided input to this report?	Mark all that apply
Government Ministries	
Agriculture	
Defence	
Education	\boxtimes
Foreign Affairs	
Health	
Interior/Home affairs	
Labour	
Others (please mark and specify below)	
Civil society organisations National non-governmental organisations International non-governmental organisations Educational or research institutions/Universities Private sector companies United Nations agencies Non-UN bilateral or multilateral organisations	
Others (please mark and specify below)	

Briefly provide any additional information on the process by which this report has been produced, including information on: 1) which types of public authorities were consulted or contributed to its preparation; 2) how the stakeholders were consulted and how the outcomes of this consultation were taken into account; and 3) the types of references used as a basis for reporting.

1. Definitions and data collection on adult learning and education	n	
	Yes	No
1.1 Does your country have an official definition of adult education ? If Yes, please provide it in the space below:		
1.1.1 Are other definitions used in practice? If Yes, please provide them in the space below:		
1.2 Has your country adopted or developed an official definition of literacy ? If Yes, please provide it in the space below:		
1.2.1 Are other definitions used in practice? If Yes, please provide them in the space below:		
1.3 How is literacy data obtained in your country?		
Please select the option(s) below National census School administrative data (years of schooling completed/primary certificate) Direct testing (e.g. Literacy Assessment and Monitoring Programme, LAMP) Household surveys Other methodology (<i>please describe below</i>):		
1.4 Has your country changed literacy data collection methods since the UNLD mid-term review in 2006?		
If Yes, please select the option(s) below that best describe the change(s) New conceptual definition on literacy in place (for policy) New conceptual definition on literacy in place (for data collection only) New assessment of youth and/or adults' literacy skills Increase in the periodicity without significant conceptual changes Other changes (please provide details below):		
1.5 Has your country faced challenges in collecting literacy data?		
If Yes, please describe them briefly in the space below: data from the central statistical office is not collected annually		
1.6 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you c order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.	onsider relev	vant in

2. Policy: political commitment to adult education and adult literacy

2.1 Does your country have laws, legal regulations or other public policy measures/initiatives with a primary focus of supporting lifelong learning, adult education and adult literacy? Please name them, giving the year in which they were enacted and adding documentation/evidence, if possible.

	Yes	No	If Yes: name of legal/policy instrument and references (add as many lines as needed)	Year
Lifelong learning	\boxtimes		National Policy on Tertiary Education, Technical Vocational Education and Training, Distance and Lifelong Learning National Policy on Tertiary Education, Technical Vocational Education and Training, Distance and	2010
Adult education Adult literacy	\square		Lifelong Learning	2010

2.2 Which target groups of learners do current national adult education and/or adult literacy policies address? Examples could include women, youth, indigenous peoples, minority linguistic/ethnic groups, migrants, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, prisoners and others (please specify). Which age groups are targeted? What is the size of the target group?

	Specific target groups, including age range (add as many lines as needed)	Total number of individuals in the group
Adult education Adult literacy	focus on all nationals above age 25	

2.3 Has your country set any goals and deadlines that national policy/ies in adult education and/or adult literacy are expected to reach? If yes, please specify the goal and, if applicable, relevant timeframe.							
Yes No Specify goal Specify timeframe							
Adult education Image: Constraint of the second s							

2.4 Does your country have a policy on the language of instruction in adult education?	Yes	No
		\boxtimes
If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references in the space below include place:	uding when it v	was put in

2.5 Does your country have a policy framework to recognise, validate and accredit non-formal and informal learning?	Yes	No
	\square	

If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references in the space below, including when this policy framework was put in place:

The National Training Agency established a system of Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) to accredit informal learning. In 2011 the government established Workforce Assessment Centres to facilitate the system of PLAR so that citizens can get their skills assessed and be guided through the process of certification

2.6 Have action plans been formulated or updated since CONFINTEA VI (December 2009) at national or sub-national level?	Yes	No
Adult education	\square	
If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references: PLAR and Workforce Assessment Centres were established and are in operation of awaredees in 2012	n graduating it	s first batch
Adult literacy		
If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references:		

2.7 Have adult education and adult literacy	been included	in other nationa	I plans/strategies?
Adult education:	Mark all that apply	Timeframe	References
National Development Plan	\boxtimes	2010	
Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper	\boxtimes		
Education strategy	\boxtimes	2010	www.stte.gov.tt
Skills development (including vocational education and training) strategy	\boxtimes	2010	www.stte.gov.tt
Education For All Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) Education Sector Plan	\boxtimes		
Sustainable development strategy Other (specify in the space below)			
Adult literacy:	Mark all that apply	Timeframe	References
National Development Plan			
Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper			
Education strategy	\boxtimes	2010	www.stte.gov.tt

Skills development (including vocational education and training) strategy	\boxtimes	2010	www.stte.gov.tt
Education For All Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) Education Sector Plan Sustainable development strategy <i>Other (specify in the space below)</i>			

2.8 Have adult learners and/or adult literacy learners been involved in discussions about your policy and or plans?

	Yes	No	Specify policy/plan (add as many lines as needed)	References	
Adult education	\square		white paper laid in parliament	www.stte.gov.tt	
Adult literacy	\square		same as above	www.stte.gov.tt	
If Yes, please elaborate how they have been involved.					

National stakeholder consultations occurred in May 2010 soliciting views from a broad cross-section of the population

2.9 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

3. Governance: governance and cooperation in adult education and adult literacy

3.1 Please list the names of organisations, institutions or agencies that are involved in planning, implementing and evaluating policies for adult education and adult literacy. Please mark/tick the level(s) at which they operate (national, sub-national).

Governmental:				
Institution (add as many lines as needed)		ical scope that apply)	Is it involved in the programmes (mark all th	s/courses?
	National	Sub-national	On adult education	On adult literacy
Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education	\boxtimes			
National Training Agency	\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Non-Governmental:				
Institution (add as many lines as needed)		ical scope that apply)	Is it involved in the programmes (mark all th	s/courses?
	National	Sub-national	On adult education	On adult literacy
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3.2 Is there any entity a adult education and/or			ng the coordination of	Yes No

Adult education

If Yes, please provide name and contact details: MSTTE contact on heading

 Adult literacy
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 If Yes, please provide name and contact details:
 Image: Description

3.3 Does the national government conduct specific actions intended to facilitate cooperation among the different stakeholders in	Yes	No
adult education?	\boxtimes	
If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and/or which frameworks are in references: PLAR and Workforce Assessment. Government assistance for Tuition Expense (GATE) www.stte.gov.tt		
adult literacy?		
If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and/or which frameworks are in references:	place and p	provide

3.4 Does the national government provide capacity-building to ensure that the different stakeholders are able to participate in policy and programme development, implementation and evaluation in	Yes	No
adult education?	\boxtimes	

If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and provide references: National stakeholder consultations occurred in May 2010 for the National Policy on Tertiary Education, TVET, Distance and Lifelong Learning to solicit views from a broad cross-section of the population. The same occurred in May 2012 for the revision and upgrade of the National Life Skills Curriculum through national Consultations.

...adult literacy?

If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and provide references:

3.5 Do local communities play a role in the planning, implementation and evaluation of programmes in	Yes	No
adult education?	\square	
adult literacy?		

3.6 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

see 3.4

4. Financing: investment in adult education and adult literacy

4.1 Data on public expenditure provided in this questionnaire should refer to actual expenditure. If actual expenditure is not available, please provide budget allocation.
Please indicate which data are reported:

Actual expenditure
Budget allocation

4.2 Please indicate the name of the currency used for reporting:

4.3 Please indicate the monetary unit used in the following tables:				
Units	Hundreds	Thousands	Millions	

4.4 What was the overall public expenditure on education and training in the financial years ending in 2009 and 2010 (in nominal local currency)? ⁴				
Amount (2009) Amount (2010) Source				
National government	2,928.3	3,037.2		
Sub-national governments ⁵				
Total				

4.5 Are equivalent figures on the financial contributions to adult education by the following agents available?					
	Amount (2009)	Amount (2010)	Not available		
National government					
Sub-national governments ⁵					
Civil society organisations					
Donors/international aid (not loans)					
Private companies					
Learners/households					

4.6 Are equivalent figures on the financial contributions to adult literacy by the following agents available?				
	Amount (2009)	Amount (2010)	Not available	
National government				
Sub-national governments ⁵				
Civil society organisations				
Donors/international aid (not loans)				
Private companies				
Learners/households				

⁴ Include both current and capital expenditure on education and training directly allocated to educational institutions as well as transfers and payments to students (scholarships, grants or loans for tuition fees and/or living expenses) and the private sector. Exclude expenditure other than for educational institutions (e.g. general administration at ministry level). If the information is not available, please provide the best possible estimates. In any case, attach a detailed explanation on how this amount was computed and possible anomalies (elements not covered, etc.).

⁵ Control for the potential double-counting effect of transfers across different government levels.

4.7 Have new mechanisms or sources of funding for adult education and adult literacy been introduced since CONFINTEA VI (December 2009)?	Yes	No
	\square	
If Yes, please provide a brief description: GATE funding has now been extended into Technical and Vocational Education and T	Training	

4.8 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

5. Participation: youth and adults' access to, and participation in, education and literacy programmes

5.1 Please indicate the areas of learning that are addressed by different organisations. Identify target groups (for example women, youth, indigenous peoples, minority linguistic/ethnic groups, migrants, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, prisoners and others) and if information and communication technologies (ICTs) are used.

Public sector organisations	Mark all that apply	Target group(s)	Use of ICT
		Government Primary and	
		Secondary Schools and	
		Tertiary institutions target	
		the enire national	
Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)	\boxtimes	population	\boxtimes
		Government Primary and	
		Secondary Schools and	
		Tertiary institutions target	
		the enire national	
Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)	\boxtimes	population	\boxtimes
g		Government Primary and	
		Secondary Schools and	
		Tertiary institutions target	
		the enire national	
Life skills and/or health issues	\boxtimes	population	\boxtimes
		Government Primary and	
		Secondary Schools and	
		Tertiary institutions target	
Use of information and communication		the enire national	
technologies	\boxtimes	population	\boxtimes
		Government Primary and	
		Secondary Schools and	
		Tertiary institutions target	
		the enire national	
Official/local languages	\boxtimes	population	\boxtimes
		Government Primary and	
		Secondary Schools and	
		Tertiary institutions target	
		the enire national	
Foreign languages	\boxtimes	population	\boxtimes
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		Secondary Schools and	
		Tertiary institutions target	
		the enire national	
Human rights/civic education	\boxtimes	population	\boxtimes
		Government Primary and	
Liberal advantion/paragraph arouth (i.e. artistic		Secondary Schools and	
Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)	\boxtimes	Tertiary institutions target	\boxtimes

	the enire national population	
Other (please provide a brief description below:)		

Private companies	Mark all that apply	Target group(s)	Use of ICT
Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)	\boxtimes	Private Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Schools	\boxtimes
Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)	\boxtimes	Private Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Schools	\boxtimes
Life skills and/or health issues	\boxtimes	Private Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Schools	\boxtimes
Use of information and communication technologies	\boxtimes	Private Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Schools	\boxtimes
Official/local languages	\boxtimes	Private Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Schools	\boxtimes
Foreign languages	\boxtimes	Private Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Schools	\boxtimes
Human rights/civic education	\boxtimes	Private Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Schools	\boxtimes
Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)	\boxtimes	Private Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Schools	\boxtimes
Other (please provide a brief description below:)			

Civil society or non-governmental organisations	Mark all that apply	Target group(s)	Use of ICT
Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)	\square	mature adults	
Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)			
Life skills and/or health issues	\square	all members of society	
Use of information and communication technologies			
Official/local languages			
Foreign languages			
Human rights/civic education	\square	all members	
Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)	\boxtimes	all members	
Other (please provide a brief description below:)			

5.2 Are there surveys on provision and demand?				
	Provision	Demand		
On adult education				
On adult literacy				

Please provide references or attach reports that may have been produced with the information generated by these surveys (if any).

5.3 Please list which languages are used for the provision of literacy programmes. Indicate if learning materials are available in the respective language.				
(add as many lines as needed)	Mark if language of learning materials			
english	\square			

5.4 List and describe briefly any key challenges related to implementing literacy classes in languages other than the official/dominant language(s).

5.5 Have the languages in which literacy programmes are offered changed since the UNLD mid-term review in 2006?

Yes	No	

If Yes, please provide a brief description and references:

	Mark all that	Are local com	munities involved?
	apply	Yes	No
National level			
Sub-national level			

5.7 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in 5.1 to 5.6. Pay particular attention to innovative practices and services for marginalised groups.

5.8 Does the government collect information on the following items?	Mark all that
	apply
Enrolment in adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	\square
Attendance in adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	\boxtimes
Completion of adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	\boxtimes
Enrolment in literacy programmes	
Attendance in literacy programmes	
Completion of literacy programmes	
If this information is available please attach the corresponding figures and documentation references:	n, or provide the

45% Participation Rate in Higher Education as at 2012

5.9 Does the government measure the learning outco (mark all that apply)	omes of the fo	ollowing progran	nmes?	
	Only by teachers/ facilitators	Standardised tests for statistical purposes	Standardised tests for certification purposes	Other
Adult education programmes (other than literacy) Adult literacy programmes				
If this information is available please attach the corre references:	sponding figu	ures and docum	entation, or prov	ide the

5.10 Are there differences between men and women in terms of their	Mark all that apply				
participation in adult education and/or adult literacy programmes?	Yes	No			
Adult education Adult literacy					
If yes: Who participates more?	Adult education	Adult literacy			
Women Men					
If there are differences: Have measures have been undertaken to address these differences in adult education/adult literacy programmes?	Yes	No			
Adult education Adult literacy					
If measures have been undertaken please provide a brief description and references:					

5.11 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in 5.8 to 5.10. Pay particular attention to equity-related issues regarding access, participation and outcomes.

6. Quality: quality assurance

6.1 Do quality criteria for adult education and adult literacy exist in the following areas: curriculum, learning materials, facilitators' training, teaching/learning methodology and assessment of learning outcomes? If yes, please specify. Since when have they been in place?

Adult education			
Area	Mark when quality criteria are in place	Indicate year when quality criteria were introduced	Specify quality criteria in place
Curricula	\boxtimes	2004	institution registration and accreditation
Learning materials	\boxtimes	2004	institution registration and accreditation
Facilitators' training	\boxtimes	2004	institution registration and accreditation
Teaching/ learning methods	\boxtimes	2004	institution registration and accreditation
Assessment of learning outcomes	\boxtimes	2004	institution registration and accreditation

Adult literacy			
Area	Mark when quality criteria are in place	Indicate year when quality criteria were introduced	Specify quality criteria in place
Curricula			
Learning materials			
Facilitators' training			
Teaching/ learning methods			
Assessment of learning outcomes			

6.2 Are there pre-service and in-service training programmes for educators/facilitators for adult education and adult literacy? Please mark all that apply, considering provider and type of training programme.

Adult education					
	Pre-se	ervice	In-se	rvice	
Provider		Typical		Typical	
	Mark if yes	duration	Mark if yes	duration	
		(months)		(months)	
Governmental institution					
University		12-24			
Private company					
Non-governmental organisation					
Adult literacy					
	Pre-s	ervice	In-se	rvice	
Provider		Typical		Typical	
FIOVICEI	Mark if yes	duration	Mark if yes	duration	
		(months)		(months)	
Governmental institution					
University					
Private company					
Non-governmental organisation					

6.3 What is the average monthly remuneration (in nominal local currency) for a full-time educator/				
facilitator in the following programmes? (academic year ending in 2010)				
Programme Monthly average Programme remuneration if Remarks/source available				
Adult education (excluding literacy				
programmes)				
Adult literacy				

6.4 Have any initiatives been undertaken by the government concerning the working conditions of adult educators/facilitators/volunteers? Please mark if yes.

 Mark all that apply

Adult ed	ucation
Adult	literacy

6.5 Have the national or sub-national governments implemented monitoring and evaluation mechanisms? (If yes, mark all that apply)

that apply/		
	Monitoring	Evaluation
Adult education	\boxtimes	\square
Adult literacy		

Please provide a brief description and references:

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago(ACTT)established in2004 monitors and evaluates the progress of adult education programmes through its registration process

6.6 Have the national or sub-national governments commissioned studies in order to inform policy and programme design and implementation since 2009?

	Mark all that apply				
Lifelong learning	\boxtimes				
Adult education	\boxtimes				
Adult literacy					
If one or more of the boxes is marked, please provide a brief description and references:					
A review of the National Life Skills Curriculum has begun in February 2012 and is aimed at improoving					
the learning outcomes of students both adult and otherwise.					
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6.7 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

7. CONFINTEA VI follow-up: additional activities

7.1 Please indicate which activities have been implemented as a follow-up to CONFINTEA VI and the implementation of the Belém Framework for Action. Mark if taken place Advocacy events (conference, forum, etc.) Media campaigns Publications (booklets, leaflets, posters, etc.) Creation of committees to streamline adult education and adult literacy Adult Learners Week/Learning festivals Creation of learners' networks and/or fora Translation of the Belém Framework for Action into the national language Presenting the Belém Framework for Action to parliament Elaboration of a funding plan Development of a national roadmap for the implementation of the Belém Framework for Action Other (please specify below)

7.2 Is there any innovative experience in adult education and/or adult literacy that has been developed in your country since 2009 (CONFINTEA VI) that could be instructive for other countries? If yes, provide a brief description and references.

7.3 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

8. The United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012): specific activities under the framework of the UNLD after the mid-term review in 2006

8.1 Which specific advocacy initiatives/ activities for youth and adult literacy have been undertaken in your country in the last five years? Please rank the frequency/intensity and results or impact of such advocacy work.

	Frequency				Results			
	very frequent	often	hardly	never	excellent	poog	modest	no results
Advocacy events (conference, forum, etc.)								
Media campaigns								
Publications (booklets, leaflets, posters, etc.)								
Other (please specify below)								

8.2 Have there been specific initiatives/ activities in support of?				
	Yes	No		
women and girls?				
If yes, please provide a brief description and references:				
other excluded/ under-represented/underprivileged groups?				
If yes, please provide a brief description and reference:				

8.3 How would you rate the impact of the UN Literacy Decade in helping to boost your advocacy efforts						
for literacy?			-			
It has been extremely helpful	It has helped a lot	It has helped a little	It has not helped			
If your answer is different from "it has not helped", please provide below a brief explanation and examples						
of advocacy efforts, commenting on their degree of success:						

Yes	No
	Yes

8.5 Have your literacy targets changed over the last five years?	Yes	No
If yes, please provide below a brief explanation:		

8.6 What are the country's current capacity-building needs in literacy and what are the obstacles and challenges in meeting them?

8.7 What are the major challenges for your literacy programme/s regarding planning and implementation, administration, monitoring and evaluation?

8.8 Are there other obstacles or major challenges in increasing efforts in literacy? Which of these areas, or other areas, requires further research?

8.9 What are the prospects for sustaining efforts in literacy beyond 2013, and which steps does your government plan to take in this regard?