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Celebration of International Adult Learners' Week 2011

Ottawa, June 4, 2010. The Canadian Commission for UNESCO is pleased to announce the celebration of the International Adult Learners' Week 2011 (IALW) from **April 2-9, 2011**.

Since 2002, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and its partners have taken this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of creating a culture of learning where all are able to participate in the knowledge society.

The Commission will focus on the main recommendations of the [CONFINTEA VI – Belém Framework of Action](#): participation in governance for quality and equity in learning opportunities. Personal development both as a citizen and a professional form part of the same path toward a sustainable future.

As in previous years, the Commission will cooperate with its partners towards the success of International Adult Learners' Week, exploring the best way to choose the orientation for IALW 2011.

Reference documents:

- [CONFINTEA VI Harnessing the power and potential of adult learning and education for a viable future - Belém Framework for Action](#)
- [CONFINTEA VI – Final Report](#)
- [CMEC Report: The Development and State of the Art of Adult Learning and Education \(ALE\)](#)
- [UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning: Beating the Drums for Attention](#)

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