

# **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**To  
Organize:**

VI WCCES Symposium 2025 in Lisbon (Portugal),  
VII WCCES Symposium 2026 in Toulouse (France),  
and XIX World Congress of Comparative Education Societies 2027 in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)

**By:**

Global Africa Comparative and International Education Society (Global Africa CIES)  
Portuguese Society of Education Sciences-Section of Comparative Education (SPCE-SEC)  
Mondial Association for Peace by Comparative Education (MAPE)

**An official note signed by the Presidents of a team of societies endorsing the EOI**

25 June 2025

Professor Zehavit Gross  
Chair, Election Task Force  
World Council of Comparative Education Societies  
UNESCO International Bureau of Education  
Geneva  
Switzerland

**Re: Expression of Interest to organize VI WCCES Symposium in 2025, VII WCCES Symposium in 2026, and XIX World Congress of Comparative Education Societies in 2027.**

Dear Professor Gross,

We are pleased to submit the attached expression of interest (EOI) to organize the following events at specified global locations:

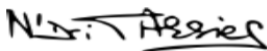
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We confirm that all three societies in our team are fully paid members of WCCES (membership dues paid to date, 2024).

We are hopeful that our Eoi will receive the highest votes and that we will be entrusted with the responsibility and opportunity to organize the above events.

Thanking You,

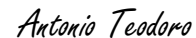
Yours Sincerely,



Professor N'Dri T. Assie-Lumumba.  
President  
Global Africa CIES



Professor Aicha Maherzi  
President  
MAPE



Professor Antonio Teodoro  
President  
SPCE-SEC

## VI WCCES Symposium 2025 in Lisbon (Portugal)



Lusófona University, Lisbon, Portugal

- Organizer Society/ies: Global Africa CIES, MAPE and SPCE-SEC
- Institutional and Academic Supporters: Lusófona University, Lisbon, Portugal
- Proposed Dates for the Symposium: July 16-18, 2025
- Theme: Renewing the social contract for education: Navigating possible futures (Provisional Theme)
- Venue: Lusófona University, Lisbon, Portugal
- Transportation: Various modes – by air, sea, rail and road transport
- Accommodation: hotels, motels, AirBnb, etc.
- Tourism & Pre-Post Congress Tours: Tour operator details will be provided
- Budget: About USD 10000
- Registration Fees (to be collected directly by WCCES including any funding/ grants): will be decided in consultation with WCCES on the basis of fee charged for previous symposia and the world congresses
- General Timeline (2024 – 2027): August 2024 to July 2025 will be dedicated to VI Symposium 2025



## VII WCCES Symposium 2026 in Toulouse (France)



University of Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, Toulouse, France

- Organizer Society/ies: Global Africa CIES, MAPE and SPCE-SEC
- Institutional and Academic Supporters: University of Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, Toulouse, France
- Proposed Dates for the Symposium: July 15-17, 2026
- Theme: Education, peacebuilding and social cohesion (Provisional Theme)
- Venue: University of Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, Toulouse, France
- Transportation: Various modes – by air, sea, rail and road transport
- Accommodation: hotels, motels, AirBnb, etc.
- Tourism & Pre-Post Congress Tours: Tour operator details will be provided
- Budget: About USD 10000
- Registration Fees (to be collected directly by WCCES including any funding/ grants): will be decided in consultation with WCCES on the basis of fee charged for previous symposia and the world congresses
- General Timeline (2024 – 2027): August 2025 to July 2026 will be dedicated to VII Symposium 2026



## **XIX World Congress of Comparative Education Societies 2027 in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)**



Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

- Organizer Society/ies: Global Africa CIES, MAPE and SPCE-SEC
- Institutional and Academic Supporters: Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- Proposed Dates for the Symposium: July 12-16, 2027
- Theme: Creating Pathways towards Sustainable and Equitable Futures for Humanity and the Planet: The Role of Engaged Comparative Education (Provisional Theme)
- Venue: Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- Transportation: Various modes – by air, sea, rail and road transport
- Accommodation: hotels, motels, AirBnb, etc.
- Tourism & Pre-Post Congress Tours: Tour operator details will be provided including, but not limited to, a visit to the Banco Zoo and forest near Abidjan, Assinie beaches on the Atlantic shores and the beautiful lagoons, visit to Grand-Bassam art galleries, and a one-day trip to Yamoussoukro, the political capital with many world-class institutions of higher learning, its mosques and the second tallest cathedral in the world called our Lady of Peace, Houphouët-Boigny Foundation for Peace Research where the annual UNESCO Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize is awarded with the presence of the UNESCO Director-General. Several nearby villages offer various artwork such as Bomizambo with the Baoulé Cloth (Pagne Baoulé, ancestor and

variant of the Kente cloth made in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire), and traditional goldsmith, bronze smithing, woodwork and pottery and performances (e.g. masquerade).

— Budget: About USD 50000

— Registration Fees (to be collected directly by WCCES including any funding/ grants): will be decided in consultation with WCCES on the basis of fee charged for previous world congresses

— In-kind contributions of the Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny offering gratis the space needed for the congress. In his letter of support for this bid, the President of the university has assured us that the office of Vice-President for Planning, Programming, Cooperation and Interuniversity Relations is ready to work with WCCES to ensure the full success of the congress.

— General Timeline (2024 – 2027): August 2026 to July 2027 will be dedicated to XIX World Congress 2027

UNIVERSITÉ FÉLIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY



PRÉSIDENTE

N° 249 /MESRS/P-UFHB/VPP

**Objet :** Accueil du XIXème Congrès mondial  
des associations d'éducation comparée  
(CMAEC-WCCES) en 2027 à l'Université  
Félix Houphouët-Boigny à Abidjan.

Abidjan, le 14 juin 2024

**Le Président**

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Honorables Membres du Comité  
Exécutif de WCCES  
S/C Secrétariat du WCCES  
Bureau international d'éducation  
de l'UNESCO  
**GENEVE, SUISSE**

Honorables Membres du Comité Exécutif du WCCES,

C'est avec un immense plaisir que nous avons reçu l'information selon laquelle la Global Africa Comparative and International Education Society (Global Africa CIES), en collaboration avec deux autres sociétés membres du WCCES, postule pour l'organisation du XIXème Congrès mondial des associations d'éducation comparée à Abidjan, en Côte d'Ivoire, en 2027.

Aussi, immense a été notre fierté d'apprendre que notre compatriote, l'éminent Professeur N'Dri Thérèse Assié-Lumumba est actuellement la présidente de cette organisation, WCCES, qui tiendra son XVIIIème congrès à Cornell University, Ithaca (New York, USA), où elle enseigne.

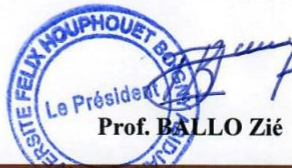
Parlant de l'Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny (UFHB), la plus ancienne parmi les institutions d'enseignement supérieur du pays et la plus établie, elle est située dans la capitale économique de la Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan. Vous comprendrez aisément notre joie de la voir identifiée parmi les potentielles structures qui pourront abriter le congrès de 2027.

Par ailleurs, notre université dispose des infrastructures appropriées et nous avons l'expérience en matière d'organisation de grandes rencontres internationales comme le prestigieux congrès de WCCES prévu pour 2027.

Un autre argument qui milite en notre faveur, est la disponibilité du bureau du Professeur Véronique Yoboué, Vice-Présidente chargée de la Planification, de la Programmation, de la Coopération et des Relations Interuniversitaires à travailler avec WCCES pour assurer le plein succès du congrès, tout en mettant à la disposition du congrès nos locaux.

Nous espérons vivement que le choix du comité exécutif portera sur la candidature de Global Africa CIES et des deux autres sociétés avec lesquelles elle collabore, nous accordant ainsi l'opportunité d'accueillir cet événement et de présenter le meilleur d'un exemple de la richesse de notre culture africaine aux participants du XIXème Congrès mondial de WCCES en 2027.

Restant disponible, et vous félicitant pour vos actions d'envergure en faveur de l'éducation, je vous prie de croire, Honorables Membres du Comité Exécutif, en l'assurance de ma parfaite considération.

  
Le Président  
**Prof. BALLO Zié**

## English Translation

Honorable Members of the Executive Committee of WCCES,

It is with great pleasure that we have received the information that the Global Africa Comparative and International Education Society (Global Africa CIES), in collaboration with two other member societies of WCCES, is applying to host the 19th World Congress of Comparative Education Societies in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, in 2027.

We were also immensely proud to learn that our compatriot, the eminent Professor N'Dri Thérèse Assié-Lumumba, is currently the president of this organization, WCCES, which will hold its 18th congress at Cornell University, Ithaca (New York, USA), where she teaches.

Regarding the Félix Houphouët-Boigny University (UFHB), the oldest among the higher education institutions in the country and the most established, it is located in the economic capital of Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan. You can easily understand our joy in seeing it identified among the potential institutions that could host the 2027 congress.

Moreover, our university has the appropriate infrastructure, and we have experience in organizing major international events such as the prestigious WCCES congress planned for 2027.

Another argument in our favor is the availability of the office of Professor Véronique Yoboué, Vice-President in charge of Planning, Programming, Cooperation, and Interuniversity Relations, to work with WCCES to ensure the full success of the congress, while making our premises available for the event.

We sincerely hope that the choice of the executive committee will favor the candidacy of Global Africa CIES and the two other societies with which it collaborates, thereby granting us the opportunity to host this event and present the best of an example of the richness of our African culture to the participants of the 19th World Congress of WCCES in 2027.

Remaining available and congratulating you on your significant actions in favor of education, I ask you to accept, Honorable Members of the Executive Committee, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Prof. BALLO Zié