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Thematic Session #7, ‘History as a Tool for Cultural Cooperation’, 28 May 2010, 16.30 - 17.45

Background

This session will examine in detail the recommendations of historians and school teachers of history on examining history as an integral dimension for cultural cooperation. This session will also discuss how technology can be used to bring history to life and educate people about the cultural cooperation between people. The session may be a way of showcasing concrete outcomes, initiatives, and results from various regions of the world. The session should generate practical outcomes and/or commitments from policy-makers and participants that can contribute to the Rio Forum outcomes.

Questions for discussion

1. What are the ways in which elements of history can be reexamined to be useful pedagogical tools in educating people about the constant and often peaceful interactions between civilizations, cultures, regions, religions?
2. How can technology be a way to provide access to sources of history for students from different regions?
3. How should teachers and students be trained to use all the potential of new technologies – in particular the internet-- and to be able to prevent any misuse?

Organizing partners

The Council of Europe, the North-South Center and IRCICA.