



**Invitation to Request a WERA Keynote Address/WERA Symposium
at a WERA Member Association Conference**

To: Member Associations of WERA

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Dear WERA Association Presidents/ Representatives,

On behalf of WERA, we are very pleased to invite you, as a WERA member association, to request the hosting of WERA keynote addresses and/or WERA symposia at your future Association conferences.

As you know, WERA aims to partner closely with member associations to advance education research worldwide. In addition to other ongoing WERA initiatives (such as WERA Focal Meetings, IRNs, Yearbooks, Taskforces.), having WERA Keynote Addresses and WERA Symposia at our member associations' conferences is a very important collaboration to link both regional and international advances in education and promoting cutting edge research for policy discourse, practical innovation and professional improvement. Previously, we have worked with member associations successfully in running these speeches and symposiums in different countries (please refer to www.weraonline.org/ for examples).

We warmly invite you to request WERA to organize a WERA Keynote Address and/or WERA Symposium at your upcoming and future Association Conferences. To the extent possible for your association, please include in the request an outline of assistance as you are able to allow for symposia or keynotes that capture the unique mission and purposes of WERA. Please complete the attached form and send it back to the WERA Symposium Committee to consider your request of such a WERA event: Committee Chair, Secretary General, Liesel Ebersöhn (Liesel.Ebersohn@up.ac.za), and copy the WERA secretariat (wera@area.net).

Your request will be considered by the WERA Symposium Committee, Liesel Ebersöhn (Chair), Teresa Gonzalez and Masako Nakamura. The Committee's plan will be communicated to you regarding (1) a symposia topic or keynote topic, (2) a leading scholar as WERA Keynote Speaker with expertise in the theme of your Association Conference; and/or (3) 3-4 members for a WERA Symposium in key issues of education research with regional and world significance.

With your support, we believe, both WERA Keynote Addresses and WERA Symposia will make a fruitful and successful contribution to your Conference and international advances in education research.

Looking forward to receiving your proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Liesel Ebersöhn

WERA Symposium & Keynote Committee Chair
Secretary General