



Adult Education and International Development-June 1976

First World Assembly of the International Council
for Adult Education

Budd L Hall

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Background:

- In early 1970, while working on my PhD in African Studies and Comparative Education at UCLA in Los Angeles, California, I met the visiting Deputy Director of the Tanzanian National Institute for Adult Education, Nicholas Kuhanga
- He told me that there was an opening for a Research Fellow position and interviewed me for the position.
- Several months later I was in Dar es Salaam and working at the Lumumba Street headquarters
- I co-authored with Director P.J. Mhaiki the Tanzanian National Report to the 1972 UNESCO World Conference on Adult Education in Tokyo

Further notes

- The Director of the Institute of Adult Education, my boss, P.J. Mhaiki was elected African Vice President of the ICAE when it was founded following the Tokyo conference in February of 1973
- Upon completion of my contract in Tanzania, Mr. Mhaiki recommended me for a position in the new ICAE to the founding Secretary-General, J. Roby Kidd, a Canadian
- I took up my position as Research Officer with the ICAE in 1975
- Roby Kidd asked me to serve as the Secretary of the Adult Education and International Development Conference scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam in June of 1976. Paul Mhaiki was invited to serve as the host Chairperson.

Nkuruma Hall, University of Dar es Salaam



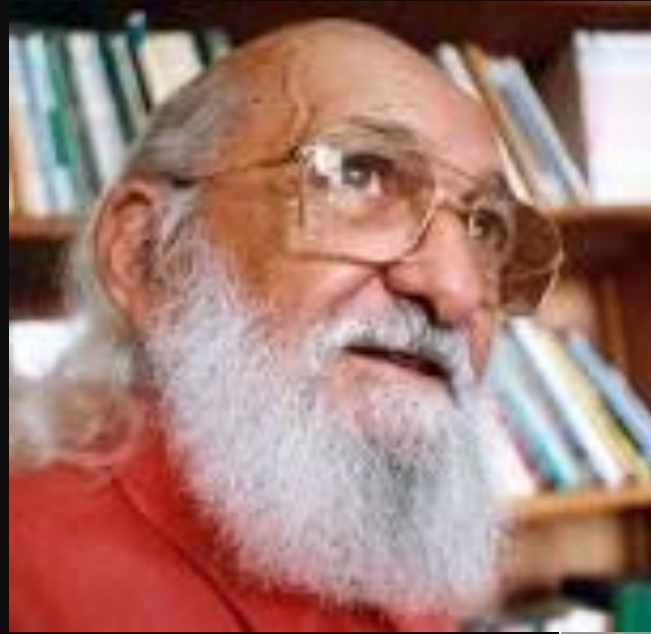
P.J. Mhaiki, Roby Kidd, Malcolm Adishesheiah,
Budd Hall – Waiting for arrival of Mwalimu
Nyerere





Mwalimu
Julius K
Nyerere,
President,
United
Republic of
Tanzania
Keynote
Speech

Lucile Mair, Paulo Freire, Majid Rahnema, Amir Jamal, Ben Mady Cisse, Ted Jackson, Lalage Bown, Yusuf Kassam, Francisco Vio Grossi, Ana Krajnc, Ross Kidd, Chris Duke, Mario Cabral and 500 others from 80 countries



Closing Plenary-Malcolm Adiseshiah, President of ICAE, Paul Mhaiki (behind Malcolm) Roby Kidd and Budd



Logistics

- No internet
- No fax machines
- All delegates stayed in University dormitories
- All meals in the University canteen
- All papers produced by a typing pool on Gestetner printers all night long
- Plenary interpretation in Kiswahili, Spanish, French and English
- All local arrangements begun three weeks before the start of the conference
- Funding from Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Canadian International Development Agency and others

Key points

- First international conference linking adult education with the theory and practice of international development
- Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere named First Honorary President of the ICAE
- Majority of the participants were from the Global South
- UNESCO, ILO, UNEP, UNITAR present
- Generated the Design for Action: a five-year plan for the global adult education movement
- Freire met informally with a group all day for every day of the conference, but he did not want to do a plenary speech
- Put the ICAE on the global map leading the adult education movement

Design for Action

1. the **educative dimension** of all strategies for economic, social, cultural and political development;
2. **participation** of the people in decisions;
3. policies responsive to **basic human needs**;
4. implementation of the **UNESCO Recommendation** on the Development of Adult Education;
5. regional and national **organizations** to develop adult education capacity;
6. action to **assist countries** least developed in adult education;
7. **training** for adult education through regional centres;
8. accent on particularly **deprived groups** in society: women, illiterates, peasants, migrants;
9. **research** that emphasizes participatory methods of investigation and evaluation;
10. **integrated** rural development;
11. **workers' education** for those in the rural sector;
12. promotion of and respect for **indigenous cultures**;
13. adult education **content** concerned with development issues of food, health, environment.

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