Educators from throughout the Top End are meeting in Nhulunbuy over the next three days to discuss ways to improve educational outcomes in remote homelands.

Opening the conference today, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training Marion Scrymgour told the around 70 delegates that they had a pivotal role to play in enhancing enrolment and attendance at homelands schools and Community Education Centres, as well as literacy and numeracy outcomes.

"The Territory has 900 enrolled homelands students and 51 Homeland Learning Centres that have been neglected for too long," Ms Scrymgour said.

"Homelands students are among the most disadvantaged in Australia and have some of the worst educational outcomes.

"Government is committed to making sure that improving homelands education becomes part of core business.

"As homelands educators, your experience and knowledge is invaluable in terms of developing successful strategies and policies for this specialist area."

Ms Scrymgour said the conference represented the first opportunity in six years for homelands educators to meet together and share their experiences and knowledge.

Expected outcomes from the conference include:

- a commitment from homeland centre schools and CECs to work on actions to improve educational outcomes of their students;
- possible working parties to work on the challenges that face a broad range of homeland centre schools and CECs;
- a commitment to ensure that this group of people remains closely through the professional development of best practice in their schools; and
- a commitment to work with the Department of Employment, Education and Training on policy revision and development in the area of homelands education.