

CONCEPT NOTE

3rd Asia-Pacific Meeting on Education 2030 (APMED2030)

4-7 July 2017

PART 2

1st Meeting of the Regional Network of National Coordinators for SDG4-Education 2030

7 July 2017

Dusit Thani Hotel, Bangkok
Bangkok, Thailand

Background

Since the adoption of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in September 2015, existing coordination and collaboration mechanisms for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Education for All (EFA) goals have realigned their role and responsibilities in order to respond to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Under the same context, the adoption of SDG4 on education also called on ministries of education and respective national coordinators of EFA to reflect upon their roles and responsibilities in light of the new education agenda. To support this process, a Terms of Reference (ToR) of a regional network that responds to the needs of Member States in relation to the scope and aim of SDG4 was developed. This ToR also takes into account the recurring and remaining challenges that are carried over from the EFA period.

The Regional Network of National Coordinators for SDG4-Education 2030 was officiated at the 2nd Asia-Pacific Meeting on Education 2030 (APMED2030), held in November 2016. Following this meeting, the network's ToR was further developed and finalized. The National Coordinators for SDG4-Education 2030 play a critical role in facilitating key SDG4-Education 2030 processes within their respective countries, including the implementation, monitoring and progress reporting of SDG4-Education 2030.

The regional network will meet for the first time at the 3rd APMED2030 to further discuss their roles and responsibilities in support of the achievement of SDG4-Education 2030, to review and endorse the Asia-Pacific SDG4 implementation roadmap that was first presented at the 2nd APMED2030. The network will also agree on the next steps to take as national coordinator of SDG4-Education 2030 in connection to the actions outlined in the regional implementation roadmap.

Meeting organization

The 1st meeting of the Regional Network of National Coordinators for SDG4-Education 2030 on 7 July 2017 is the second part (Part 2) of the 3rd APMED2030, which will be organized in Bangkok, Thailand on 4-7 July 2017.

Part 1 of the 3rd APMED2030 is the Technical session on SDG Target 4.7 from 4-6 July 2017.

The meeting of the Regional Network of SDG4 National Coordinators (Part 2) will be preceded by a joint session with the other participants at the 3rd APMED2030 on Thursday, 6 July 2017 afternoon. Therefore, SDG4-Education 2030 national coordinators are expected to attend the afternoon of 6 July 2017 and the entire day of 7 July 2017.

The entire 3rd APMED2030 is organized by UNESCO Bangkok – Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, together with the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO) and the Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA).

Overarching objective

To enhance SDG4 National Coordinators' understanding and capacity to coordinate SDG4-Education 2030 in their respective countries.

Objectives

- To endorse the regional recommendations on 1) mainstreaming elements of SDG target 4.7 into education policy, plans, curriculum and teaching, measurement and assessment, and 2) monitoring of and reporting on SDG target 4.7
- Endorsement of the ToR of the regional network of SDG4 national coordinators
- To review and endorse the regional SDG4 implementation roadmap
- To identify key action points to take in connection to the milestones of the regional SDG4 implementation roadmap

Expected Outputs

- Endorsed regional recommendations on mainstreaming, monitoring and reporting SDG target 4.7 and the regional SDG4 implementation roadmap
- Thematic focuses of successive APMED2030 meetings agreed.
- Key action points of SDG national coordinators in support of the regional SDG4 implementation roadmap (2017-2018)

Preparatory Work

To be determined.

Participation

Participation in this meeting is by invitation only. The SDG4 national coordinators are invited to the meeting as the main participants.

SDG4 National Coordinators are expected to attend the afternoon sessions of Part 1 on Thursday, 6 July 2017 and Part 2 on Friday, 7 July 2017. The specific time of the sessions on 6 July 2017 will be shared prior to the meeting.

Modality for Part 2: 1st Meeting of the Regional Network of SDG4 National Coordinators (7 July 2017)

The main meeting will be conducted over one day (7 July 2017) and will employ plenary sessions focusing on information and knowledge sharing and exchange and capacity development on different aspects of SDG4-Education 2030 coordination and implementation.

The 1st meeting of the Regional Network of SDG4 National Coordinators (Part 2) will be preceded by a joint session with the other participants to the 3rd APMED2030 on Thursday, 6 July 2017 afternoon.

Where applicable, relevant reference documents will be distributed and used to inform and guide the sessions.

The agenda for the SDG4 National Coordinators will be organized as follows:

Day	Topic
Day 3 - afternoon (Thursday, 6 July 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the monitoring of the SDG4 (global and thematic indicators) • Presentation of the regional recommendations • Closing
Day 4 (Friday, 7 July 2017)	1st Meeting of the Regional Network of SDG4 National Coordinators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of the regional recommendations on target 4.7 (developed during Part 1) • Endorsement of the ToR and expected outputs/outcome • Presentation and endorsement of the regional SDG4 implementation roadmap • Closing

NOTE: The schedule above refers to the afternoon sessions of Day 3 – Part 1 and the full day of Part 2: 1st Meeting of the Regional Network of SDG4 National Coordinators only.

Dates and Venue

Part 2 of the 3rd APMED2030 is dedicated to the 1st Meeting of the Regional Network of SDG4 National Coordinators. This one-day meeting will be held on **7 July 2017**. **SDG4 National Coordinators are expected to attend the afternoon sessions of Part 1 on Thursday, 6 July 2017.**

The meeting will be held at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.¹

Working language

English will be the working language of the meeting.

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Reference documents

1. UNESCO SDG4 Webpage
<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/education/themes/leading-the-international-agenda/education-for-all/sdg4-education-2030/>
2. UNESCO SDG Target 4.7 Webpage
<https://en.unesco.org/gced/sdg47progress>
3. SDG Indicators (Metadata Repository)
<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/>
4. Historical efforts to implement the UNESCO 1974 Recommendation on Education in light of 3 SDGs Targets
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002472/247275E.pdf>
5. Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, 19 November 1974
http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13088&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
6. Questionnaire on Member States' efforts to mainstream the principles of the 1974 Recommendation in their education systems
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002451/245155E.pdf>
7. Consolidated Report on the Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning education for international understanding, cooperation and peace and education relating to human rights and fundamental freedoms
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002241/224137e.pdf>
8. Global Citizenship Education: Topics and Learning Objectives
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002329/232993e.pdf>

¹ NB: The 3rd APMED2030 will be organized on 4-7 July 2017 at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand.