Improving quality of comparative statistics and indicators of education

Regional Workshop on Education Statistics
East, South and West Asia
The Four Wings Hotel
Bangkok, Thailand
9 - 12 November 2008

UNESCO Institute for Statistics
and
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Agenda
Day 1 - Sunday, 9 November 2008

9:00 – 17:00 Bilateral meetings

UIS staff will hold hour-long bilateral meetings with individual countries to review the outcomes of Survey 2007 and 2008. The objectives of these bilateral meetings are to:

- Review and update ISCED mapping of educational programmes
- Review previous data submissions and indicators for all questionnaires
- Discuss data problems and inconsistencies
- Review data gaps

A schedule of the meeting times for each country will be distributed one week prior to the workshop. Other bilateral session could be organized if necessary.

Day 2 - Monday, 10 November 2008

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome Remarks, Ms. Churairat Sangboonnum
Inspector General, Thailand National Commission for UNESCO

9:15 -9:35 Opening Remarks, Mr. Ko-Chih Tung, UIS Regional Advisor for Asia-Pacific and Head, UIS-AIMS Unit, UNESCO Bangkok

9:35 – 10:00
- Introduction of participants
- Review objectives of the meeting
- Adoption of agenda

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea break

Ms. Aurélie Acoca & Ms. Hélène Tran, UIS

- New UIS procedures of education survey
- Response rates
- Timeliness
- Major data gaps

11:15 – 12:30 Review and Stocktaking of EFA Progress (RASEP) and Preparations for the End of Decade Assessment – Presentation
Messrs Ko-Chih Tung and Nyi Nyi Thaung, UIS-AIMS

- Introduction to RASEP
- End of Decade EFA Assessment
- Regional Programme and National Support for the Development of National Education Statistical Information Systems (NESIS)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break
14.00 – 15:00 Use of UNPD population data in indicator calculation – Presentation  
Mr. Yanhong Zhang, UIS  

Introduction to procedures of using population estimates produced by UNPD and suggested steps to take when divergence between data from this source and national estimates appear.

15:00 – 16:00 Issues in ISCED mapping of national educational programmes -- Presentation  
Ms. Aurélie Acoca & Ms. Hélène Tran, UIS  

- UIS plan to publish ISCED mapping of national educational programmes  
- Issues encountered in reviewing the completed ISCED questionnaire  
- Presentation of cases  

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee/tea Break  

16:15 – 17:30 Issues in ISCED mapping of national educational programmes -- Group discussion  
UIS team  

Group chairpersons and rapporteurs: To be determined  

- Small group discussion on the cases  
- Report on small group discussions  
- Summary  

17:30-17:45 – Assembly at the hotel lobby to depart for the Chaophraya Cruise  
Dinner Reception hosted by UIS  
Participants are expected to be back at the hotel by 22:00  

Day 3 - Tuesday, 11 November 2008  

9:00 – 10:00 Benchmarking higher education development in Asia -- Presentation  
Mr. Yanhong Zhang  

Illustration of using comparative data and indicators on access, participation, output, and public investments to highlight trends and patterns of regional development in higher education  

10:00 – 11:00 UIS’ electronic questionnaires – Presentation  
Ms. Tin Nam Ho, UIS  

Introduction to selected features of the e-questionnaires in response to common issues emerging from the previous submission of data through this form  

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/tea Break
11:15 – 12:00 Findings from the analysis of responses to the Questionnaire on Availability and Source of National Education Statistics – Presentation
Ms. Tin Nam Ho, UIS

12:00 – 12:30 UIS’ on-line Data Centre – Presentation
Ms. Hélène Tran, UIS

Demonstration of commonly used features of UIS’ Data Centre

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 Improving the quality and coverage of data – Group discussion
Group chairpersons and rapporteurs: To be determined

- Group discussions, focusing on the following questions regarding the completion of the UIS Survey of Education questionnaires:
  - What are some of the typical challenges that you faced in completing the questionnaires?
  - What strategies did you try in overcoming the challenges? Which ones worked well and which ones did not?
- Report on small group discussions
- Summary

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee/tea Break

16:15 – 17:00 National EMIS experiences: India’s District Information System for Education (DISE) – Presentation
Professor Mehta Arun, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, India

17:00 – 17:45 National EMIS experiences: Cambodia – Presentation
To be determined

Day 4 - Wednesday, 12 November 2008

9:00 – 9:30 Update on LAMP – Presentation
Mr. Nyi Nyi Thuang, UIS-AIMS

9:30 – 10:30 WEI’s Survey of Primary Schools – Presentation
Mr. Yanhong Zhang & Ms. Hélène Tran, UIS

Introduction to the design, implementation and major findings of the study which was carried out in 11 countries in 2005-06

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/tea Break
11:00 – 11:30 Findings from the two pilot questionnaires
Mr. Yanhong Zhang

Summary of the findings from analysis of data collected through the pilot questionnaires on upper secondary graduates and entrants to post-secondary education programmes, in context of other upper secondary and higher education indicators.

11:30 – 12:30 National data plan
Mr. Nyi Nyi Thuang

Introduction to the rationale and implementation process of national data plan.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00 Session 14: Group discussion – Potential future projects

Tentative topics:
- Higher education
- Educational finance

15:00 – 16:00 Closing session
- Summary of the workshop
- Evaluation forms

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea break