



Skills for Life in Somalia

The 2nd Steering committee meeting of Al Maktoum Foundation and UNESCO
May 14, 2015, Nairobi, Kenya

Introduction

Acquisition of literacy skills is critical for individuals to cope with their economic and social life. Participation in literacy programme has a variety of benefits ranging from having improved self-esteem, empowerment and creativity to critical thinking. With reference to financial support from Al-Maktoum Foundation, UNESCO Eastern Africa Regional Office commenced implementation of a project to promote literacy and life skills education amongst Somali Youth and adults with focus on women. The main thrusts of the project are development of literacy strategy framework, curriculum framework development, harmonization of learning materials, establishment of model community learning centers, capacity development of Federal and Regional Ministries of Education and delivery of literacy and life skills classes to target groups in all three regions of Somalia.

The 2nd Steering committee meeting

This is the follow-up of the first steering committee meeting. As of the project agreement that covers this project, a Steering Committee is going to meet in order to deliberate on the progress made, issues and challenges encountered, and agree on the way forward in terms project management. The first steering committee meeting took place in Nairobi on September 9, 2015. After that many activities have been implemented like need assessment of the literacy and skills for life, Preparation of literacy frameworks, drafting of teaching and learning materials. This 2nd steering committee meeting will take place in Nairobi on May 14, 2015 to oversee the implementation of the project for the last six months.

The main objectives of the meeting are to inform Al Maktoum Foundation on the status project implementation, deliberate on the progress made since the first steering committee meeting on September 9, 2014 and agree on the way forward.

Programme of the Meeting

May 13, 2015: Arrival in Nairobi of Al Maktoum Foundation Delegation and UNESCO Chief of Funding Sources and Ministry of Education Representatives from the three zones of Somalia.

Agenda: May 14, 2015

Time	Item
09:30-10:00	<p>Welcome and introduction Mr. Mohamed Djelid, Director , Director , UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa</p> <p>Opening statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Bin Ghannam, Secretary General Al Maktoum Foundation • Mr. Mohamed Abdulkadir Nur Director General of the federal MOE • Ms. Sahro Ahmed Koshin who is the Gender Advisor - Puntland • Mr. Mohamed Hassan Ibrahim Director General, MOE and HE, Somaliland • Mr. Shantha Retnasingam , Chief Section for Cooperation with Multilateral and Private Funding Sources <p>Agenda overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Djelid, Director UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa
10:00-10:30	<p>Session 1: General context in the three regions of Somalia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Bin Ghannam, Secretary General Al Maktoum Foundation • Mr. Mohamed Abdulkadir Nur Director General of the federal MOE • Ms. Sahro Ahmed Koshin the Gender Advisor - Puntland • Mr. Mohamed Hassan Ibrahim Director General, MOE and HE Somaliland
10:30-11:00	<p>Session 2: Presentation of Somalia progress report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities and achievements • Main challenges, lessons learnt and recommendations • Work plan for May to December 2015 • Framework agreement extension <p>Mr. Demissew Lemma, Coordinator, Somalia Education Program, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa</p>
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-11:45	Session 2: Open discussions
11:45-12:15	<p>Session 3: Presentation on the status of Youth Mobile UNESCO initiative in Hargeisa Mr. Jaco Du Toit, Advisor for communication and Information</p>
12:15-12:30	Session 4: Question and answer session and discussion
12:30-13:00	Session 6: The way forward, Closing
13:00	Lunch

Participants:

Al Maktoum Foundation

- Mr. Mohammed Bin Ghannam, Secretary General
- Mr. Hamdan Hamid Mohamed, cultural Advisor
- Mr. Abdelsalam Adam Koko, Country Director, Al Maktoum Foundation Kenya

Ministry of Education

- Mr. Mohamed Abdulkadir Nur Director General of the Federal Ministry of education, Culture and Higher Education
- Ms. Sahro Ahmed Koshin Gender Advisor - Puntland
- Mr. Mohamed Hassan Ibrahim Director General, Ministry of Education and HE Somaliland.

UNESCO

- Mr. Mohamed Djelid , Director , UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa
- Mr. Shantha Retnasingam , Chief Section for Cooperation with Multilateral and Private Funding Sources
- Mr. Demissew Lemma, Coordinator, Somalia Education Program, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa
- Mr. Jaco Du Toit, Advisor for communication and Information, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa
- Ms. Saba Bokhari, Programme Specialist for Education, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa
- Ms. Michela Pagano, Assistant Programme Officer , Somalia Education Program
- Mr. Masakazu Shibata, Public Information Officer, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa