

## PUBLICATIONS BOARD

### I. Meeting Date

Wednesday 2 September 2015

#### Attendees

The following people were present:

##### Chair

Mr Eric Falt, Assistant Director-General, ERI

##### Members

Mr David Atchoarena, Director, ED/PLS

Mr Indrajit Banerjee, Director, CI/KSD

Mr Kim Gwang-Jo, Director/Bangkok Office

Ms Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros, Director, SC/HYD [*representing Mr Han Qunli, Director, SC/EES*]

Ms Angela Melo, Director, SHS/HPD

Ms Vesna Vujicic-Lugassy, Chief of Unit/CLT/Conventions common Services [*Representing Ms Mechtild Rossler, Deputy Director, CLT/HER*]

Ms Estelle Zadra, Chief, Communication & Publications Unit, IIEP [*representing Ms Suzanne Grant Lewis, Dir. IIEP, Member for Institutes*]

##### Ex officio Members

Mr Cvetan Cvetkovski, ODG/GE [*representing Ms S. G. Corat, Director ODG/GE*]

Mr Firmin Matoko, Director, AFR/CIP

Ms Ranwa Safadi, BSP/PB

Mr Rudi Swinnen, Chief, ADM/CLD/D

##### Secretary

Mr Ian Denison, Chief, Publications and Branding Section, ERI/DPI/PBM

##### Observers

Ms Mimouna Abderrahmane, Publications Officer, SHS

Ms Barbara Blanchard, CLT/CCS

Ms Jinchai Clarke, ERI/DPI/PBM

Mr Vincent Defourny, Director, ERI/DPI

Ms Catherine Domain, ED/EFA/KS

Ms Isabelle Cassandre Le Fournis, ERI/DPI/PBM

Ms Chantal Lyard, ED/EFA/KM

Ms Karalyn Monteil, CLT/HER/WHC/AFR

Mr Ali Moussa-Iye, CLT/HER/HMD

Ms Akané Nozaki, FU/BGK

Ms Cristina Stanca-Mustea, ERI/DPI/PBM

Ms Natalia Tolochko, Assistant Publications Officer, SC

Ms Salma Zulfiqar, ED/EFA/KM

##### Minutes Secretary

Ms Isabelle Nonain-Semelin, ERI/DPI/PBM

## II. Meeting Decisions

	<i>Proposal No. &amp; Responsible Section/Office</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Estimated Media Impact</i>
1	0915_ED07	Jornadas de Cooperación Educativa con Iberoamérica sobre educación especial e inclusión educativa	IX y X Jornadas de Cooperación Educativa con Iberoamérica sobre educación especial e inclusión educativa	4	Approved	n/a
2	0915_SC01		Celebrating 50 Years of Water Leadership	4	Approved	n/a
3	0915_SC02		Oro Azul: Caja de Herramientas para el manejo sostenible del agua	4	Approved	n/a
4	0915_SHS01		<b>(Resubmission 0815_SHS03)</b> Migración y Ciencias Sociales en México	4	Approved	n/a
5	0915_ED01		Sexuality Education: Global Status Report	3	Approved	8
6	0915_CLT01		Traditional Management Systems at Heritage Sites in Africa	2	Approved	7
7	0915_ED02		Early and Unintended Pregnancy. The Education Sector Response	3	Approved	5
8	0915_BFM01		Financial Statements 2014	3	Approved	n/a
9	0915_ED03	Estrategia Regional sobre Docentes en LAC	Políticas sobre docentes para la educación de la primera infancia en América Latina y el Caribe (Volumen II)	3	Approved	Not given
10	0915_ED04		Assessment of transversal competencies in the Asia-Pacific	3	Approved	Not given
11	0915_CLT02		Guide méthodologique pour la promotion et la gestion des itinéraires de mémoire	3	Revise and resubmit	-
12	0915_ED05		Happy Schools: A Framework for Learner Wellbeing and Holistic Development in the Asia-Pacific	3	Approved	8
13	0915_ED06		School Based Assessment: Policies and Practices in the Asia Pacific		Approved	4

### **III. Presentation: Statistics on publications 2014-2015**

The Secretary explained that the statistics presented had been compiled at the request of the Chair during the last meeting of the Publications Board on 3 August 2015.

Going further than initially requested, the Secretary presented key statistics on where things are in the current biennium. However, since the biennium is not finished yet, the statistics are not complete.

#### **Slide 1, p. 2 – Total publications 2014-2015, by Sector**

##### **Comments from the Chair:**

- The breakdown is more balanced than in the past, which is a good trend.
- There is a spectacular rise from CI.

#### **Slide 2, p. 3 – Total publications 2014-2015, HQ vs. Field Offices**

##### **Comments from the Chair:**

- We have more publications from the Field, which is also a good trend.

#### **Slide 3, p. 4 – Percentage of publications 2014-2015, per Field Office**

##### **Comments from the Chair:**

- Prominence of publications from Bangkok, Brasilia, Santiago, Mexico and Apia, which is a problematic trend.
- The Chair stressed that it was the first time that such statistics were made available to the Board.
- The Chair informed the Board Members that he intends to present these statistics to the SMT.

#### **Slide 4, p. 5 – Publications in 2014-2015 Publications Plan, Planned vs. unplanned**

##### **Comments from the Chair:**

- The fact that the majority of publications were unplanned (52% vs. 48% of publications planned) is an alarming trend.

[The Secretary explained that it is partly due to the fact that many publications are financed by extra-budgetary funds]

#### **Slide 5, p. 6– Publications by category 2014-2015**

##### **Comments from the Chair:**

- The document shows that there is a vast majority of Category 3 publications. Although it is difficult to analyze those statistics, they stress that there are not enough high impact publications.
- The Chair requested further analysis, by sector (with a view to presenting these statistics to the SMT).

#### **Slide 6, p. 7– Multilingual Publications 2014-2015**

##### **Comments from the Chair:**

- The fact that there seems to be fewer single language publications is encouraging, if not entirely satisfactory yet.

### **Comments from the Board Members on the presentation:**

- **AFR:** Things should be done differently: no intersectoral publications are presented. In addition, publications from the sectors and from the Field Offices are presented separately, but there are publications from the sectors initiated by Field Offices. Therefore, there should be a second level of analysis.
- **CI:** the statistics could be broken down further, for example to explain the reasons why publications are unplanned. The Member also asked for the presentation to be circulated.
- **Gender:** One or two paragraphs relating to gender equality should be added because very good processes have been established, and this should be reflected.
- **CLT:** It would be good to have a breakdown of the budget to compare with previous years (i.e. regular vs. extra-budgetary).
- **ED:** Figures concerning Field Offices publications should be analyzed with caution. Moreover, the growing trend of unplanned publications is a matter of concern. The reasons behind this should be analyzed. Regarding the proportion of publications for each sector, this should be analyzed against the general activities, priorities of the Organization.
- **Field Offices:**
  - ◆ It would be useful to have an analysis of the quality ⇒ The Chair replied that it would be difficult to produce such an analysis. One indicator which could be used is the publications categories. But this is more related to the publications' impact than to their quality.
  - ◆ What kind of statistics would the Chair like to see in relation to Field Offices? ⇒ The Chair replied that the breakdown should be more balanced. Some Field Offices publish too much while others do not publish sufficiently. If statistics from Field Offices were combined with those regarding the categories of publications, it would be clear that there are too many low impact publications from the Field.
- **DIR/DPI:** it would be useful to have more information on the distribution and dissemination of publications.

**Conclusion:** the Chair will try to present these statistics to the SMT.

### **IV. Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 6 October 2015.**