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Provisional agenda

## Tuesday 1 September 2015 (Day1)

8:30 – 9:30		<i>Registration</i>
		<b>Opening ceremony – Official launching of the UNESCO – HNA Group Funds-in-Trust (HFIT) projects</b> Moderator: Mr Du Yue, Chinese National Commission for UNESCO
9:30 – 10:10		Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of Beijing Normal University/INRULED</li> <li>• Representative of HNA Group</li> <li>• Representative of UNESCO</li> <li>• Representative of Ministry of Education, P.R. China</li> </ul>
10:10 – 10:30		Introduction to the seminar Ms Maki Hayashikawa, Chief of Section (ED/TLC/LTR), UNESCO HQ
10:30 – 10:50		<i>Coffee break</i>
		<b>Session 1: Contextualizing the discussion on gender equality in education, with an international overview and the experience of China</b> Moderator: Mr Libing Wang, Chief (APEID), UNESCO Bangkok
10:50- 12:30		<i>The aim of the session is to build a common understanding on gender equality in education and discuss progress made in promoting gender equality in education as well as persisting challenges globally and in China.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms ZHENG Xinrong, Professor, Faculty of Education, Beijing Normal University</li> <li>○ Ms Maki Hayashikawa, Chief of Section (ED/TLC/LTR), UNESCO HQ</li> <li>○ Mr WANG Dinghua, Director General, Department of Basic Education, Ministry of Education of P.R. China</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Exchange with participants in plenary</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30		<i>Lunch</i>
		<b>Field visit</b>
14:00 – 15:30		All China Women’s Federation (To be confirmed)
16:00 – 17:30		Chinese Museum of Women and Children (To be confirmed)
19:00 – 20:30		<i>Reception hosted by Chinese NATCOM, BNU and INRULED</i>

## Wednesday 2 September 2015 (Day2)

		<p><b>Session 2: Gender equality in education: Regional perspectives and the context of the post-2015 education agenda</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Tirso Dos Santos, Head of Office, UNESCO Accra</p>
09:00 – 10:00		<p><i>The aim of the session is to discuss progress made in promoting gender equality in education as well as persisting challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia and the Pacific. It will also discuss the post-2015 education agenda (Education 2030).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms Rita Bissoonauth, African Union / CIEFFA</li> <li>○ Ms Justine Sass, East Asia and Pacific UNGEI Co-chair, UNESCO Bangkok</li> <li>○ Ms Maki Hayashikawa, Chief of Section (ED/TLC/LTR), UNESCO HQ</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Exchange with participants in plenary</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:20		<i>Coffee break</i>
		<p><b>Session 3: Gender equality in education: experiences from countries participating in the CFIT and HFIT projects</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Tap Raj Pant, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Kathmandu</p>
10:20 – 12:20		<p><i>Following up on Session 2, the aim of the session is to discuss progress made in promoting gender equality in education as well as persisting challenges, in each of the countries participating in the CFIT and HFIT projects.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience sharing among participants in groups</li> <li>• Reporting back and discussion in plenary</li> </ul>
12:20 – 13:20		<i>Lunch</i>
		<b>Field Visit</b>
13:40 – 14:40		Institute of Teacher Education, Beijing Normal University
15:00 – 16:00		Smart Learning Institute, Beijing Normal University
16:30 – 18:00		School of Continuing Education and Teacher Training, Beijing Normal University
19:00 – 20:00		<i>Dinner</i>
19:00 – 20:00		<i>Visit to Exhibition Hall of Beijing Normal University</i>

## Thursday 3 September 2015 (Day3)

		<p><b>Session 4: Transforming teaching and learning processes to become gender-responsive</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Sardar Umar Alam, Head of Office, UNESCO Yangon</p>
9:00 – 10:30		<p><i>The aim of the session is to discuss how gender in education is addressed in teacher training institutions and the knowledge, skills and competencies needed to develop and implement a gender-responsive pedagogy. The session will also discuss ways of adapting/reviewing school curriculum, textbooks and teachers materials.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms Patience Awopegba, Programme Specialist, UNESCO IICBA</li> <li>○ Ms SHI Jinghuan, Professor, Tsinghua University</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Experience sharing among participants in plenary</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:50		<i>Coffee break</i>
		<p><b>Session 5: Enhancing gender-responsive learning environments through the use of ICTs</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Yumiko Yokozeki, Director, UNESCO IICBA</p>
10:50 – 12:30		<p><i>The aim of the session is to discuss and explore the role/potential of ICTs in expanding and facilitating access to and enhancing the quality of teaching and learning for women and girls.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms CHEN Weiling, Deputy Director, Division of Educational Resources in Basic Education, National Centre for Educational Technology, MOE</li> <li>○ Two additional speakers to be confirmed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Experience sharing among participants in plenary</li> </ul>
12:30 – 14:00		<i>Lunch</i>
		<p><b>Session 6: Developing gender-responsive learning environments</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Bakhtiyor Namazov, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Tashkent</p>
14:00 – 15:30		<p><i>The aim of the session is discuss how a gender-responsive learning environment can encourage girls' access to, participation in, and continuation of education, and promote gender equality. It will also discuss steps the education sector can take to prevent and address school-related gender-based violence.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms Justine Sass, Regional adviser for HIV/AIDS, UNESCO Bangkok</li> <li>○ Mr ZHENG Zengyi, Former Deputy Director, Department of Basic Education, Ministry of Education of P.R. China</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Experience sharing among participants in plenary</li> </ul>
15:30 – 15:50		<i>Coffee break</i>

	<p><b>Session 7: Skills development for out-of-school girls</b>  Moderator: Mr Wang Li, Deputy Director, INRULED</p>
<p>15:50 – 17:30</p>	<p><i>The aim of this session is to investigate the issue of out-of-school girls and the challenges for them to receive compensatory education, and explore how skills development can help them improve their livelihood.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prof. LIU Yonggong, China Agricultural University</li> <li>○ Prof. Qutub Khan, Adviser to INRULED</li> <li>○ Prof. ZHANG Lili, Beijing Normal University</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Experience sharing among participants in plenary</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dinner</i></p>

## Friday 4 September 2015 (Day4)

		<b>High-level Forum/Panel on Female Leadership in Education</b>
		(Detailed programme to be confirmed)
12:30 – 14:00		<i>Lunch</i>
		<b>Session 8: Wrap-up: Strengthening South-South cooperation for advancing gender equality in education</b> Moderator: Ms Maki Hayashikawa, Chief of Section (ED/TLC/LTR), UNESCO HQ
14:00 – 15:30		<i>The aim of the session is to reflect on the previous sessions and on the outcomes of the high-level forum/panel on female leadership, and to further discuss on how to strengthen South-South cooperation for promoting gender-responsive teaching and learning and ultimately advancing gender equality in education.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group work</li> <li>• Reporting back and discussion in plenary</li> </ul>
		<b>Closing ceremony</b> Moderator: Mr Libing Wang, Chief (APEID), UNESCO Bangkok
15:30 – 16:00		Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of HNA Group</li> <li>• Representative of Ministry of Education, China</li> <li>• Representative of UNESCO</li> <li>• Representative of Beijing Normal University/INRULED</li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:20		<i>Coffee break</i>

		<b>HFIT projects country follow-up planning meeting</b>
16:20 – 18:30		<p><i>The aim is to discuss the follow-up activities under the projects in Africa and in Asia with the UNESCO's project team from all offices represented.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the two projects: Ms Maki Hayashikawa, Chief of Section (ED/TLC/LTR), UNESCO HQ</li> <li>• Break-out into two groups for each project's planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms Maki Hayashikawa, Chief of Section (ED/TLC/LTR), UNESCO HQ</li> <li>○ Mr Libing Wang, Chief (APEID), UNESCO Bangkok</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
19:00 – 20:30		<i>Reception hosted by UNESCO</i>

## ***Saturday 5 September 2015 (Day5)***

		<b>Cultural visit</b>
08:00-12:30		The Great Wall
12:30-13:30		<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-18:00		The Forbidden City
		<i>Farewell dinner</i>