



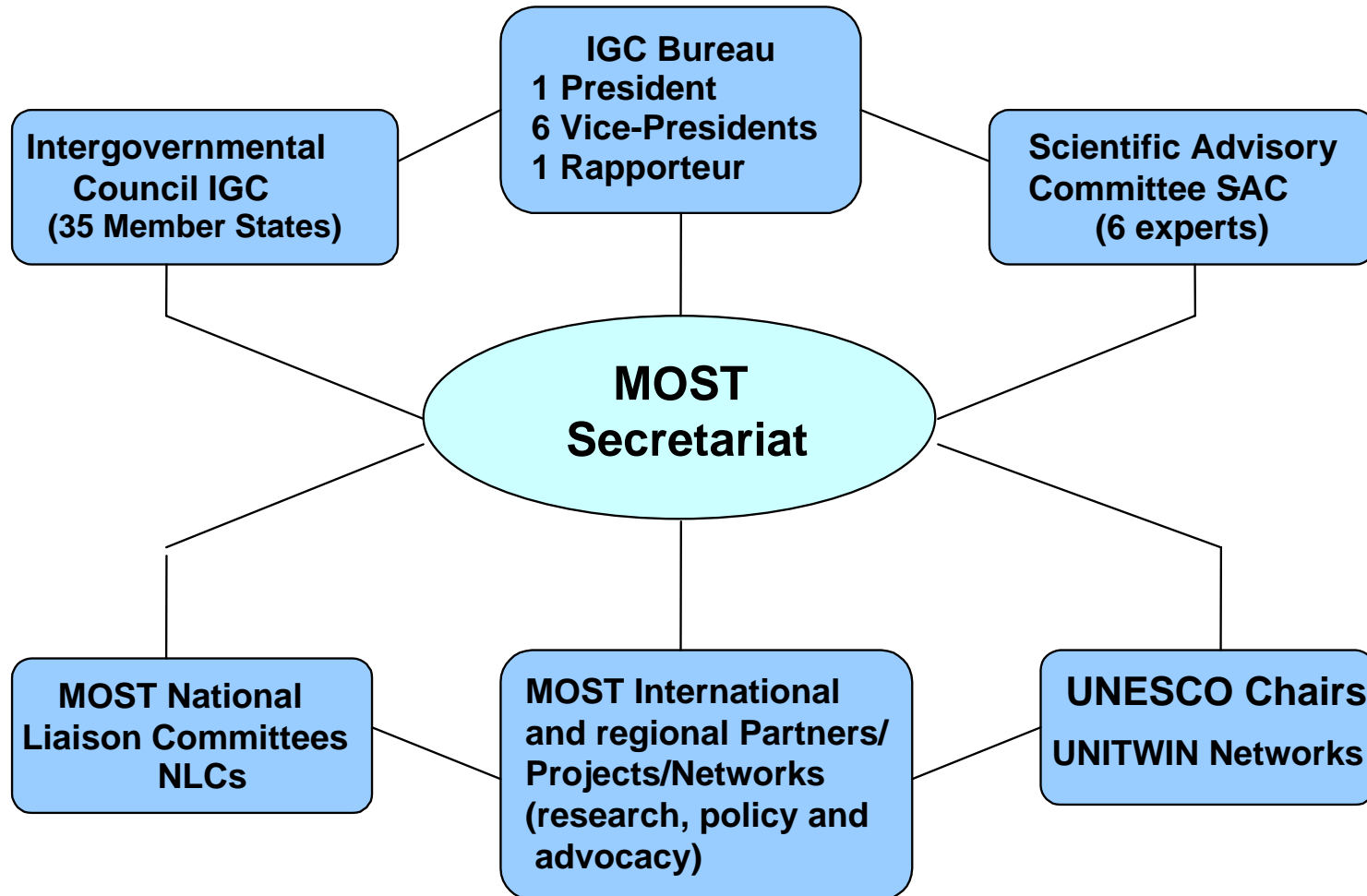
Management of Social Transformations Programme



Workplans 2008-2009

IGC Bureau Meeting , 19 January 2008, UNESCO HQs

Organizational Structure





MOST IGC Member States (2007-2009)

- ***Western Europe and North America :***
- Belgium, Finland, Israel, Sweden, Switzerland
- ***Central/Eastern Europe :*** Bulgaria, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Uzbekistan
- ***Latin America and Caribbean:*** Argentina, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Venezuela)
- ***Asia-Pacific:*** Afghanistan, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand
- ***Africa :*** Angola, Benin, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mozambique; South-Africa, Uganda;
- ***Arab States:*** Egypt, Morocco, Qatar, Yemen



Programme Phase II

(2004-2013)

Mission

“MOST will continue to promote the development and use of social science knowledge that contributes to better understanding and management of social transformations consistent with the universal values of justice, freedom, human dignity and sustainable development”

(Recommendations, 6th MOST IGC, 2003)

MOST Work Plans



Reference Documents

- *Recommendations of the 6th, 7th and 8th sessions of the Intergovernmental Council of the MOST Programme (February 2003; July 2005, July 2007);*
- *Declaration+Recommendations issued at the International Forum on the Social Science-Policy Nexus (IFSP) held at Buenos Aires, Córdoba, Rosario and Montevideo in February 2006;*
- *Recommendations of the Review Committee of MPs II and III;*
- *MOST Debate in Commission III at the 34th General Conference;*

Overall Objective:

To foster a culture of evidence-based policy at all levels

Strategy

Turn MOST into a research and policy dialogue programme based on

- Thinking (Research)

*- Shaping (Capacity-Building and Policy Advise);
and*

- Debating (Dialogue)

Thinking the relation between research and policy

*Pursuant to requests from member states at
34 General Conference :*

Theoretical Reflection on Research-Policy Linkages

Stock-taking of how we know

Analysing existing uses of knowledge by policy-actors, interference of knowledge and organizational logic, and possible avenues for enhancing the usefulness of knowledge for policy-making

Distilling Recommendations for internal and external users;

Peer-review of MOST policy analysis frameworks, related to the MOST Research-Policy Online Service

Analysis of research-policy linkages:

Drawing lessons on how decisions are taken in different regions and on different themes:

Drawing on IFSP material from workshops

Building guidelines for partners



Thinking the relation between research and policy



MOST Regional Thematic Research and related Nexus Activities

*Latin America and the Caribbean:
Combating Poverty*

Africa: Regional Integration Processes

*Arab States: The Role of the State in
Social Development Policies*

*Asia-Pacific: Social Development and
Culture of Peace*

*Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
Pacific and Caribbean: Sustainable Social
Development*

*Europe, including Eastern/Central
Europe: Ageing Populations*

Activity on
“Rethinking Latin America”

Activity on
« Project José Martí », linked
to José Martí Prize

Activity on
“Evaluating and
Monitoring Social
Development Programmes
and Policies in Brazil; with
policy evaluation papers to
be published in
cooperation with the
Ministry of Social
Development and the fight
against hunger

Thinking the relation between research and policy

*International Thematic Research and related Nexus Activities within
the SHS Sector*

- Migration and Urban Development
- Human Rights
- Racism
- Combating Poverty
- Gender
- Youth

Inter-sectoral with other ISPs:
MAB, IHP..

Inter-sectoral Activities with **Platforms**
Strengthening National Research
Systems, Climate Change, SIDS...

Interdisciplinary Activities with
UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs,
MOST National Liaison
Committees, universities and
research institutes

Interdisciplinary Activities with
partners from
UN system
Regional and National Research
Councils,
Research Branches of Development
Agencies

Thinking the relation between research and policy

*International Thematic Research and related Nexus Activities within the SHS
Sector*

Migration and Urban Development

- *Free Movement and Regional Integration –MWB*
- *Migrant Rights*
- *African Migration*
- *Urbanization and Social Integration*



Thinking the relation between research and policy

*International Thematic Research and related Nexus Activities within
the SHS Sector*

Human Rights

- ✓ *Promote the realization of the rights within UNESCO's competence*
- ✓ *(rights to education, to take part in cultural life, to freedom of opinion and expression and to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications) through:*
 - ❑ *The clarification of their content (right to take part in cultural life & the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress)*
 - ❑ *Research/policy regional networks (LA: the right to education; Arab States: cultural rights)*
- ✓ *Dissemination of knowledge on human rights*
- ✓ *Celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*



Thinking the relation between research and policy

International Thematic Research and related Nexus Activities within the SHS Sector

Struggle against Discrimination and Racism

1. *Combatting Racism, Xenophobia, Exclusion and Discrimination in Cities* →
International Coalition of Cities against Racism
 - *Network of cities for sharing experiences in order to developing and strengthening their policies to encounter racism by adopting a Ten-Point Plan of Action*
 - Organized by regions:
 - Europe (launched in December 2004, ~ 70 cities)
 - North America/Canada (launched in March 2006, ~ 20 cities)
 - Asia (launched in August 2006, ~ 30 cities/regional associations)
 - Africa (launched in September 2006, ~ 55 cities)
 - Latin America & Caribbean (launched in October 2006, ~ 200 cities)
 - Arab States (to be launched during the first semester 2008)
 - *International Coalition brings together all regional coalitions (to be launched in 2008)*
2. *Children and Exclusion* → **Education for Children in Need** (extrabudgetary)
3. **Reducing HIV related Stigma and Discrimination** (extrabudgetary)



Thinking the relation between research and policy

International Thematic Research and related Nexus Activities within the SHS Sector

Human-Rights-based approach to Poverty Eradication

- *Support to National Poverty Reduction Strategies*
- *Research and Studies*
- *HRBA, training of trainers*
- *South-South and triangular cooperation*



Thinking the relation between research and policy

International Thematic Research and related Nexus Activities within the SHS Sector

Gender

- *Strategic themes*
 - *Women's human rights and globalization*
 - *Cultures and gender equality*
 - *Gender dynamics of conflict, peace-building and reconstruction*
- *Activities*
 - *Socio-economic empowerment and gender studies*
 - *Violence against women*
 - *Women in the Judiciary*
 - *Women's political participation*
 - *Capacity building (Palestine, Great Lakes, Kabul)*



Thinking the relation between research and policy

*International Thematic Research and related Nexus Activities
within the SHS Sector*

Youth

*Focus : Youth participation in the formulation, implementation and evaluation
of youth policy*

- ***Elaboration of a comprehensive strategy***
*State of the arts of youth participation in youth policy development per
region.*
*Strategic recommendations on the basis of the needs identified in each
region.*
*Elaboration of a UNESCO comprehensive strategy on youth on the basis
of five field offices' recommendations Montevideo, Apia, Beirut,
Nairobi, Bamako.*
- ***Youth Policy Development***
*- Provision of assistance to Member States on youth policy
development, particularly regarding the issue of youth
participation in policy-making.*

Shaping: Capacity-Building, Disseminating and Policy

*MOST Knowledge-for-Policy
Platform*

Advise

*Constructing the
knowledge base of the
MOST Online
Comparative
Policy Research
Tool*

Priority for 2008/09:

*Strategic alliances with
content providers who
incorporate peer-reviewed
material into the MOST
Tool knowledge base*

*The MOST Tool has been
conceived to support
evidence-based policy advise
in a very broad range of
sectors related to social
development . It is based on
advanced policy analysis
methods and knowledge
sharing techniques. Its added
value of extracting,
assembling and comparing
policy-relevant categories
and policy options is based
on the constitution of a
vibrant knowledge base it
can draw upon.*



Shaping: Capacity-Building, Disseminating and Policy

Content Providers/Partners for the MOST Online Research-Policy Tool

Advise

*MOST – related Thematic Field
Research*

Migration and Urban Development

Human Rights

Racism

Combating Poverty

Gender

Youth

*Processing a specific subject area
requires designing a dedicated
domain knowledge model (one
for each theme) to act as
search criteria.*

MOST will

- *Design the knowledge model
(policy-sensitive analysis
frame)*
- *Supervise/provide assistance
with
Content preparation, indexing
and publication which are to
be performed by unit/institution
responsible*
- *Upload the publication*
- *Continuously upgrade
functionality of the tool*

Shaping: Capacity-Building and Policy-Advise :



• MOST National Liaison Committees

- Based on the MOST NLC Evaluation Report, produce a brochure providing guidance toward a maximized role for NLCs in support of high-quality local
- Disseminate in multiple languages

With Indonesian Institute of Sciences(LIPI) Creation of a MOST Award for Young Researchers and Agents of Social Change

With Ministry of Social Development, Argentina, creation of a MOST Prize on Research-Policy Linkages

**MOST National Initiatives
(Proposals for NLC Meetings from
Iran and Thailand)**

Shaping: Capacity-Building and Policy-Advise :

Intersectoral Platform

“Strengthening National Research Systems”

Country audit (including fundraising)

*Develop an SHS component for a user-driven
« audit programme » of national research
systems (SHS research is actually absent from
existing country reviews on science and
technology systems!)*

*Interest expressions in carrying out the
audit:*

*United Republic of Tanzania
Mozambique*

*Help states
improve policymaking,
integrate research goals
in national development
plans;
better coordinate domestic
and international
policies;
target interventions
/investments including
capacity-building
adopt good practices,
and
comply with established
standards and
principles*



Shaping: Capacity-Building and Policy-Advise :



New Six-Years Framework Agreement with the International Social Sciences Council (ISSC): 2008-2013

- *Support Activities aimed at strengthening the social sciences worldwide;*
- *Foster cooperative inter and trans-disciplinary research*
- *Facilitate communication and disseminate information among social scientists worldwide*

Flagship Activity under the new Framework Agreement:

Regularly produce the World Social Science Report

to provide a global overview of the state of the art of the social sciences by means of an authoritative, knowledge-based survey and a solid analysis to identify critical challenges for countries, institutions + organizations:

First World Report foreseen in 2009

Dialogue: Exchanges and Debate



Widening Policy-Space for National Decision-Makers

The Forum of Ministers for Social Development in Regions and Sub-Regions

Objective :

Creating new spaces for peer learning, exchange and horizontal cooperation between research, civil society and policy makers

Specific objective in 2008/09:

- *Ministerial Fora opening up to researchers and NGOs*

Successful experiences in workshops organized by MOST during the IFSP (including Ministers, CLACSO, FLACSO, CODESRIA) at the Nairobi event “From Research to Policy to Action”

Dialogue: Exchanges and Debate



Ministerial Fora foreseen in 2008: Future Perspectives of Fora

- *2nd Forum of Ministers for South Asia, to be hosted by the Government of India, 5-6 March 2008*
- *2nd Forum of Ministers for ECOWAS, to be hosted by the Government of Senegal ?, June/July 2008*
- *7th Forum of Ministers for Latin-America to be hosted by Venezuela, September 2008*
- *2nd Forum of Ministers for the Arab Region to be hosted by Jordan, October/November 2008*

Newly to be launched by

- *East African Community Partner States (Uganda?)*
- *South East Asia (in cooperation with ASEAN, Brunei 2009/10)*
- *The Caribbean*
- *Possible Joint Forum with UNDESA in SADC*

Dialogue and Governance....

Statutory Obligations :

Empowered MOST IGC Bureau and Scientific Advisory Committee

A first MOST IGC Bureau Meeting is scheduled in January 2008, at the end of the present staff retreat

A second joint MOST IGC Bureau and Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting is to take place in September/October 2008

Tasks relating to Evaluation and Peer Review:

- *Approve criteria for members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC);
Upon submission of candidatures, the IGC Bureau will select candidates for three vacant posts in the MOST Scientific Advisory Council and submit them to the DG.*
- *Approve evaluation criteria for the MOST Midterm Evaluation.*
- *The Scientific Advisory Council will establish a peer review mechanism for the MOST Policy Knowledge Base.*

MOST IGC as an international space for regular exchange on Social Development :

9th Session of the MOST IGC, July 2009

