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EDUCATION POLICY AND REFORM UNIT

The mission of the Education Policy and Reform (EPR) Unit of UNESCO's Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO Bangkok) is to promote policies and strategies to improve education systems in countries of the Asia-Pacific region.

In so doing, EPR works to enhance the sector-wide coherence of education policy design with an explicit focus on cross-cutting issues addressing the quality and relevance of learning.

EPR'S KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

EPR is charged with UNESCO's regional coordination and support in four key areas:

Education Sector Policy and Management

EPR aims to promote and facilitate evidence-based policy formulation, results-oriented management and system-wide reform of the education sector. In particular, our team applies a simulation model as a tool to generate credible, sector-wide and costed education sector plans in countries.

Quality of Education

Quality of education is gaining greater attention across the Asia-Pacific region with recognition that many learners complete primary education without having acquired basic literacy and numeracy skills. Our team covers a wide range of domains, including curriculum, pedagogy, learning to live together and student learning assessment.

Technical and Vocational Education and Training

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) provides practical knowledge, skills and competencies required by the world of work. Our team supports implementation of effective TVET policies across various domains, such as policy advice and review, capacity development and knowledge sharing on the transition from learning to work.

Education Research and Foresight

In the rapidly transforming world of today, there are rising expectations that education will help societies meet a multitude of future challenges towards inclusive and sustainable development. Our team supports countries in the Asia-Pacific region in drawing blueprints for education for the future as well as developing perspectives on education in the post-2015 development agenda.

MODALITIES

Education Policy Analysis

At the request of governments, EPR provides education policy reviews so as to help strengthen the development and implementation of national education sector plans. Our team gives recommendations to strengthen system-wide reform efforts, and provides technical assistance for thematic review and analysis.

Policy Dialogues

EPR regularly brings together government officials, academics and representatives of the private and non-governmental sector for policy dialogues. These dialogues aim to stimulate discussion, debate and regional cooperation in addressing relevant issues affecting educational development in the Asia-Pacific region.

Analytical Work

As EPR is charged with UNESCO's regional coordination and support in sector-wide policy analysis, we conduct quantitative and qualitative research in all four key areas of focus via multi-country comparative studies, collaborative research and regional surveys.

Capacity Development

Our technical assistance and training workshops aim to strengthen capacity in developing and implementing education policies and reforms, while also providing a deepened understanding of systemic issues in the education sector.

Networking

EPR actively promotes networking between various stakeholders in education through both formal and informal channels. Beyond knowledge exchange, sharing of ideas can also lead to meaningful reflections and increased cooperation.

JOIN OUR NETWORKS!



Education Research Institutes Network in the Asia-Pacific

ERI-Net facilitates regional collaboration among education research institutions on education policy issues relevant to Asia-Pacific. The network aims to enhance exchange of experience, information and expertise in education policy research and contribute to policy dialogue and policy making in education development and innovation in the region.

www.unescobkk.org/education/epr/epr-partnerships/eri-net



Network on Education Quality Monitoring in the Asia-Pacific

NEQMAP aims to improve the quality of learning in the Asia-Pacific by enhancing the use of student learning assessment to strengthen education systems. The network provides a platform for exchanging of expertise, experiences and lessons through knowledge sharing, research and capacity building activities.

www.unescobkk.org/education/neqmap





EPR RESOURCES

➤ Web Portals

The **National Education Systems and Policies in Asia-Pacific Open Platform (NESPAP)** is a virtual space for sharing resources, experiences and expertise in education across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. The platform consists of: (i) digital resources on education policy; (ii) a database of experts and institutions, and; (iii) discussion forums.

www.unescobkk.org/education/resources/nespap

Education System Profiles (ESPs) provide analytical overview of education systems in the Asia-Pacific region, covering the structure of the system, major challenges, education management and financing, and also national policies and strategies for the different education sub-sectors.

www.unescobkk.org/education/resources/education-system-profiles

➤ E-Newsletter

Education Policy Matters! - Our monthly e-newsletter covers trends and ideas in education policy and provides updates on our work at EPR.

www.unescobkk.org/education/epr/epr-newsletter

➤ Publications

Our team publishes materials related to the four key areas of focus, including toolkits for policy makers, country-level policy reviews, and topical research in education policy.

www.unescobkk.org/education/epr/epr-resources/epr-publications

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