



## **Improving quality of comparative statistics and indicators of education**

Regional Workshop on Education Statistics  
East, South and West Asia  
The Four Wings Hotel  
Bangkok, Thailand  
9 - 12 November 2008

UNESCO Institute for Statistics  
and  
UNESCO Bangkok

### **Agenda**

## **Day 1 - Sunday, 9 November 2008**

### **9:00 – 17:00 Bilateral meetings**

UIS staff will hold hour-long bilateral meetings with individual countries to review the outcomes of Survey 2007 and 2008. The objectives of these bilateral meetings are to:

- Review and update ISCED mapping of educational programmes
- Review previous data submissions and indicators for all questionnaires
- Discuss data problems and inconsistencies
- Review data gaps

A schedule of the meeting times for each country will be distributed one week prior to the workshop. Other bilateral session could be organized if necessary.

## **Day 2 - Monday, 10 November 2008**

### **8:30 – 9:00 Registration**

**9:00 – 9:15 Welcome Remarks, Ms. Churairat Sangboonnum**  
Inspector General, Thailand National Commission for UNESCO

**9:15 -9:35 Opening Remarks, Mr. Ko-Chih Tung, UIS Regional Advisor for Asia-Pacific and Head, UIS-AIMS Unit, UNESCO Bangkok**

### **9:35 – 10:00**

- Introduction of participants
- Review objectives of the meeting
- Adoption of agenda

### **10:00 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea break**

**10:30 – 11:15 Review of Education Surveys 2007-08 – Presentation**  
*Ms. Aurélie Acoca & Ms. Hélène Tran, UIS*

- New UIS procedures of education survey
- Response rates
- Timeliness
- Major data gaps

**11:15 – 12:30 Review and Stocktaking of EFA Progress (RASEP) and Preparations for the End of Decade Assessment – Presentation**  
*Messrs Ko-Chih Tung and Nyi Nyi Thaung, UIS-AIMS*

- Introduction to RASEP
- End of Decade EFA Assessment
- Regional Programme and National Support for the Development of National Education Statistical Information Systems (NESIS)

### **12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00 – 15:00 Use of UNPD population data in indicator calculation – Presentation**

*Mr. Yanhong Zhang, UIS*

Introduction to procedures of using population estimates produced by UNPD and suggested steps to take when divergence between data from this source and national estimates appear.

**15:00 – 16:00 Issues in ISCED mapping of national educational programmes -- Presentation**

*Ms. Aurélie Acoca & Ms. Héléne Tran, UIS*

- UIS plan to publish ISCED mapping of national educational programmes
- Issues encountered in reviewing the completed ISCED questionnaire
- Presentation of cases

**16:00 – 16:15 Coffee/tea Break**

**16:15 – 17:30 Issues in ISCED mapping of national educational programmes -- Group discussion**

*UIS team*

*Group chairpersons and rapporteurs: To be determined*

- Small group discussion on the cases
- Report on small group discussions
- Summary

**17:30-17:45 – Assembly at the hotel lobby to depart for the Chaophraya Cruise**

**Dinner Reception hosted by UIS**

Participants are expected to be back at the hotel by 22:00

## **Day 3 - Tuesday, 11 November 2008**

**9:00 – 10:00 Benchmarking higher education development in Asia -- Presentation**

*Mr. Yanhong Zhang*

Illustration of using comparative data and indicators on access, participation, output, and public investments to highlight trends and patterns of regional development in higher education

**10:00 – 11:00 UIS' electronic questionnaires – Presentation**

*Ms. Tin Nam Ho, UIS*

Introduction to selected features of the e-questionnaires in response to common issues emerging from the previous submission of data through this form

**11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/tea Break**

**11:15 – 12:00 Findings from the analysis of responses to the Questionnaire on Availability and Source of National Education Statistics – Presentation**

*Ms. Tin Nam Ho, UIS*

**12:00 – 12:30 UIS' on-line Data Centre – Presentation**

*Ms. H  l  ne Tran, UIS*

Demonstration of commonly used features of UIS' Data Centre

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00 – 16:00 Improving the quality and coverage of data – Group discussion**

*Group chairpersons and rapporteurs: To be determined*

- Group discussions, focusing on the following questions regarding the completion of the UIS Survey of Education questionnaires:
  - What are some of the typical challenges that you faced in completing the questionnaires?
  - What strategies did you try in overcoming the challenges? Which ones worked well and which ones did not?
- Report on small group discussions
- Summary

**16:00 – 16:15 Coffee/tea Break**

**16:15 – 17:00 National EMIS experiences: India's District Information System for Education (DISE) – Presentation**

*Professor Mehta Arun, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, India*

**17:00 – 17:45 National EMIS experiences: Cambodia – Presentation**

*To be determined*

## **Day 4 - Wednesday, 12 November 2008**

**9:00 – 9:30 Update on LAMP – Presentation**

*Mr. Nyi Nyi Thuang, UIS-AIMS*

**9:30 – 10:30 WEI's Survey of Primary Schools – Presentation**

*Mr. Yanhong Zhang & Ms. H  l  ne Tran, UIS*

Introduction to the design, implementation and major findings of the study which was carried out in 11 countries in 2005-06

**10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/tea Break**

**11:00 – 11:30 Findings from the two pilot questionnaires**

*Mr. Yanhong Zhang*

Summary of the findings from analysis of data collected through the pilot questionnaires on upper secondary graduates and entrants to post-secondary education programmes, in context of other upper secondary and higher education indicators.

**11:30 – 12:30 National data plan**

*Mr. Nyi Nyi Thuang*

Introduction to the rationale and implementation process of national data plan.

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 15:00 Session 14: Group discussion – Potential future projects**

Tentative topics:

- Higher education
- Educational finance

**15:00 – 16:00 Closing session**

- Summary of the workshop
- Evaluation forms

**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea break**