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Highlights of the Capacity Development for Education for All programme

An extrabudgetary programme created in 2003 with the objective of strengthening national capacities in key areas of education: sector-wide policies and plans, literacy, teachers and skills for the world of work.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH - Teachers

Uganda



The Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP) 2007-2015 of Uganda is currently under review and through the CapEFA programme UNESCO is supporting this process with a focus on teachers. The implementation of ESSP faces a number of challenges including

the lack of effective teacher status and welfare, inconsistent curriculum delivery, weak community engagement, and poor data quality. These are some of the conclusions of the final report of a Teachers Diagnostic Study initiated in 2010 and recently completed by the Ministry of Education and Sports with the support of UNESCO-Pôle de Dakar.

Based on the conclusions of this study, a validation workshop was organized in Entebbe, Uganda, in August 2013 assembling the national technical team responsible for the report and representatives from UNESCO, including the International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA), and other development partners.



Participants discuss the priorities that will be addressed by the CapEFA Uganda action plan (©UNESCO).

The participants discussed and finalised the capacity development action plan for CapEFA with a focus on three main components: (i) improvement of data collection and reporting through the upgrade of the Education Management Information System with the development and integration of a Teacher Management Information System; (ii) harmonization of teacher training programmes and development of a continuous professional development framework; and (iii) updating and consolidation of teacher policies and guidelines into a comprehensive teacher policy handbook.

The workshop was also the occasion for the Government to dialogue with other development partners such as the Belgian Development Cooperation and UNICEF, thus paving the way for Uganda to benefit from future support in other identified priority areas of interventions.



Participants at the workshop in Entebbe (©UNESCO).