Session 3.4

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CURRICULUM REVIEW and REVISION

Objectives

- Explore a suggested process (possible stages and related methodologies) for reviewing the curriculum

- Identify possible components of Terms of Reference for a review and apply those elements to a limited review focusing on Education for Peace

- Plan a review process in the specific country context

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Review or Revision?

- A **curriculum review** aims to evaluate the current curriculum using data and evidence

- A **curriculum revision** changes and, hopefully, improves the curriculum in certain desired ways, and is normally carried out as a result of and based on the findings of a review.

Suggested Stages and Components of a Review

- Preparation

- Data-gathering and consultation

- Data analysis and developing proposals

- Piloting and testing proposals

- Reporting

Preparation

- Define learning outcomes – what do we want students to learn about Education for Peace?

- Define the scope of the review

- Set clear Terms of Reference (ToRs)

- Establish administration, management and governance arrangements

- Develop methodology and plans

- Secure resources and personnel

Data-Gathering

- 'Research' questions

- Data-gathering instruments – e.g.

  – Surveys

  – Desk analysis of documents

  – Consultative meetings with stakeholder groups

  – Forum

- Gather data and information

Data Analysis and Proposals

- Analyse data and information in the framework of the research questions

- Develop proposals for improving the curriculum – e.g.

  - Models for including Education for Peace in the curriculum 'architecture'

  - Content – such as topics / units / themes for various grades

- Pilot proposals as appropriate

Reporting

- Report to responsible authority consistent with ToRs

- Include evidence-based, piloted / tested (where possible and appropriate) recommendations for curriculum revision