

Regional Learning Partners for the Global Partnership for Education's Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX)

Third Online/Virtual Meeting for the KIX Hub 19 Focal Points and partners

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

2:30pm - 4:00pm



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#### **Concept Note and Agenda**

#### Introduction

As you might be aware, UNESCO through its International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA), UNICEF through the Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa (ESARO) and the African Union Commission (AUC) are establishing a Regional Anglophone Africa Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) Hub as part of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) initiative, with funding from International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

The purpose of the KIX Hub will be to collect, generate, exchange and facilitate effective use of evidence-based data, knowledge and innovation for education policy formulation and implementation among 19 Anglophone African countries, Member States, along the following thematic areas which include:

- (i) Strengthening learning assessment systems;
- (ii) Improving teaching and learning;
- (iii) Strengthening early childhood care and education;
- (iv) Achieving gender equality in and through education;
- (v) Leaving no one behind; and
- (vi) Meeting the data challenge in education.

# Purpose of the third online meeting for KIX Hub\_19 focal points and Partners

The meeting is intended to present the key findings from the rapid assessment undertaken to identify the current institutional needs, priorities, challenges and possible solutions on evidence-based policy development <u>oin the</u> themes of **Early Childhood Education, Gender Equality** and **Learning assessments**.

The meeting will also provide a forum to share the details of how the **in-depth country mapping** will be undertaken – *objectives, proposed methodology, the role of the KIX hub focal points and expected outcomes.* The in-depth country analysis will be undertaken to provide up-to-date information onf the major trends in data, evidence and issues impacting the education needs of countries in line with all six thematic areas. This will involve examining and compiling relevant research, evaluations and innovations to generate priorities and areas of focus for the regional KIX Hub as well as identify shared regional policy challenges that are aligned with literature, expert opinions and, especially, key national education policymakers and stakeholders.

### Specific Objectives of the second third online meeting

- The meeting will specifically serve as a forum for KIX Hub Focal points and partners to;
  - Share experiences, challenges and lessons learnt on policy formulation and implementation along three thematic areas of Learning Assessments, Early Childhood Education and Gender Equality;
  - Take note of ongoing innovations and solutions related to the identified policy challenges that can be adopted by other countries regarding the presented themes; and
  - Make a presentation on the details of the **in-depth country mapping** that will be undertaken *objectives, proposed methodology, the role of the KIX hub focal points and expected outcomes,* **KIX Team**

# Meeting outcome

The outcome of the meeting will be a shared understanding about what countries are working on and what isn't working along the 3 thematic areas of the KIX hub and a clear understanding of the in-depth country mapping of key thematic areas of the KIX Hub.

## Proposed date and time

The virtual meeting will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 14:30 – 16:00 pm (Addis Ababa/East Africa Time (GMT +3).

The meeting will be moderated using Microsoft Teams and a link will be shared to all participants at least 5 days before the meeting.

## Proposed Meeting Agenda

Meeting Moderators:       Dr. Tilaye Kassahun, KIX Hub Manager         Ms. Chelsea Lavallee, KIX Hub Knowledge Management         Consultant         Chat Moderator:       Victoria Kisaakye Kanobe, UNESCO – IICBA		
Time	Agenda	Facilitator
14:30 - 14:40	Welcome and opening remarks	Mr. Abhiyan Jung Rana, Regional Adviser Education for UNICEF ESARO
14:40 - 14:50	Presentation of findings on policy challenges and priorities and proposed key areas of focus for the KIX Hub along three thematic areas	Victoria Kisaakye Kanobe, UNESCO – IICBA
14:50 - 15:30	<ul> <li>Experiences, key lessons learnt and critical priorities on policy formulation and implementation along the following themes:</li> <li>Learning Assessments - A presentation on the status of Learning Assessments systems in Sub-Saharan Africa, Ruscelli Davide, UNESCO-TALENT team</li> <li>Early Childhood Education -Janet Muthoni, AFECN,</li> <li>Gender Equality -Martha Muhwezi, Executive Director, FAWE</li> </ul>	Session Moderators
15:30-15:45	Question and Answer Session from Chatroom	Chat Moderator
15:45-15:55	A presentation on the details of the in-depth country mapping	Dr. Tilaye Kassahun, KIX Hub Manager
15:55 - 16:00	Concluding Remarks	Joy Nafungo, IDRC