Policy for Teacher Management and Development (TMD) in Public Educational Institutions

Part 1: The TMD Policy Development Process

Presented by Chief Teacher Management and Development Officer

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BACKGROUND

- Linked to the Ministry's MTS 2018 2022 and Beyond priority areas focussing on TMD.
- Setting up of a TMD Section to provide strategic leadership and to ensure the required frameworks are in place.
- ► The development process of the TMD Policy (between October 2018 to July 2020).
- ► Technical assistance obtained from the International Institute for Capacity Building for Africa (IICBA), UNESCO.

STATEMENTS OF INTENT OF THE POLICY

POLICY VISION

Teaching becomes the number one profession.

▶ Policy Mission

To assist in transforming the education landscape for improved teacher and learner performance.

▶ PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

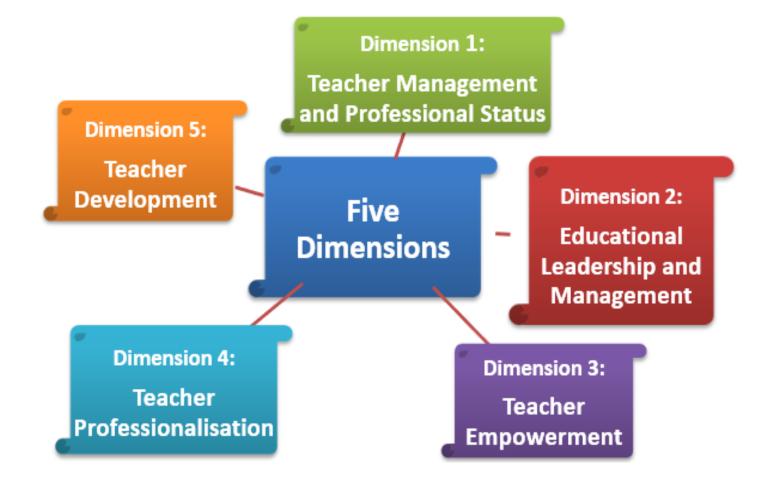
This policy provides a framework for the standardisation and professionalisation of the teaching profession in terms of recruitment, deployment, development and retention of teachers through a series of strategies.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

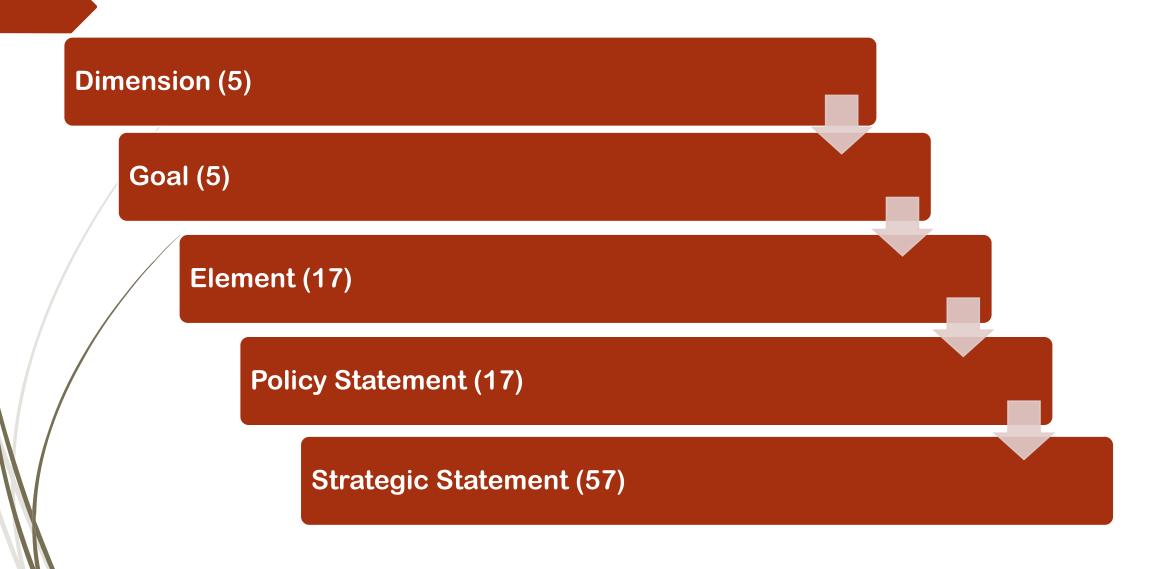
- a) To raise the status of the teaching profession.
- b) To enhance the educational institution management and administration system.
- c) To empower teachers to have a voice and be represented in decision-making.
- d) To standardise the teaching profession, qualifications and practice across all levels of education.
- e) To strengthen pre-service, in-service and continuing professional development for effective delivery of quality teaching and learning.

SCOPE

- This policy targets all teachers, processes and practices within the MEHRD Headquarters (HQ) and in all public educational institutions.
- The policy addresses five Dimensions:-



These Dimensions have been elaborated in terms of:-



THE METHODOLOGY

1. INITIATION OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

March 2018 – visit of Ms. Ann Therese NdongJatta, Director of UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern & Southern Africa, & Dr. Yumiko Yokozeki, Director of UNESCO IICBA

2. START OF THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

October 2018 – 2-day working visit by Dr Binyam Sisay (from IICBA) with the 6 members of TMD Technical Team. Members:

- were introduced to the policy development process and relevant references/ resources;
- decided on the phases for the development process;
- agreed on using <u>recent reports as main sources</u> of evidence for the situational analysis which focused on <u>9 dimensions</u>; and
- agreed on a one-week capacity building workshop in Addis Ababa in January 2019.

THE METHODOLOGY (cont.)

- 3. Phase 1: Situational Analysis
 - a. December 2018 compilation of some data to be shared/discussed with ICCBA (weekly sessions of 3 hours from Oct to Dec 2018)
 - b. One week Capacity building at IICBA, Addis Ababa Ethiopia: January 2019
 Attended by 6 members of the TMD Technical Team
 Mr Alex Souffe
 Mrs Rosianna Jules
 Ms Jacqueline Gertrude
 Mrs Mavis Lespoir
 Ms Inese Oredy
 Dr Veronique Figaro

Team was advised to:

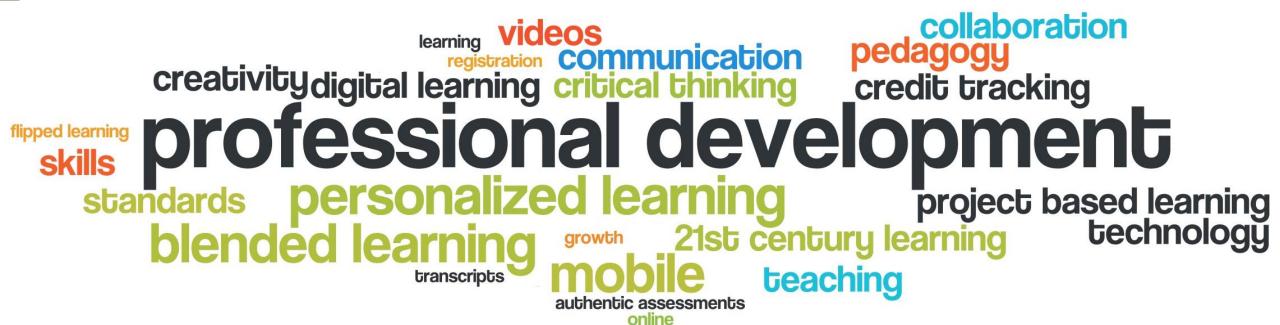
- i. select not more than 5 policy dimensions;
- ii. prepare a Policy Summary along with the Report before drafting the policy
- c. Finalised the <u>Situational Analysis</u>: (weekly sessions of 3 hours from October to February 2019)

THE METHODOLOGY (cont.)

- 4. Phase 2: Produced the Situation Analysis Report (Feb to July 2019)
- 5. Phase 3: Developed the Policy Summary (weekly sessions of 3 hours from Feb to July)
- 6. Phase 4: Drafted of Policy (weekly sessions of 3 hours from June to Sept 2019)
- 7. Phase 5: Social Dialogue/ Consultation (10 sessions from 1st Oct to 22nd Nov 2019 with about 20% of key stakeholders (teachers, head of institutions, MEHRD officers and School Council & Board Chairpersons))
- 8. Phase 6: Finalised the 1st Draft of the Policy (January 2020) & enrichment (June 2020)
- 9. Phase 7: Approval of the policy by SMC of MEHRD & Cabinet of Ministers led to high recognition and acceptance of the policy (July August 2020)
- 10. Phase 8: Press Conference to media houses (print, radio, TV) keep the general public informed and posted on the MEHRD's website for access (August 2020)

CHALLENGES & STRATEGIES UNDERTAKEN

| Challenges | Strategies to overcome |
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| Respecting weekly working session | Reschedule to another day during the week Weekend retreat to make up for lost time |
| Expertise in policy development | Sought assistance from IICBA |
| Access to certain research document due to no central repository | Reference to MEHRD training plan |
| Validation (Time consuming & requires a lot of mobilsation) | Regional consultative meetings held with different groups of stakeholders |





Part 2: Implementation

Presented by Director Seychelles Institute of Teacher Education

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Development of comprehensive Action Plan addressing each Strategic Statement started in July 2020
- Establishing a Steering Committee with clear Terms of Reference, to provide oversight for the implementation of the Policy in January 2021
- Turning the Technical Team to a Coordinating Team with clear TOR
- Coørdination of sectorial plans as from September 2020
- Development of relevant guidelines/ frameworks August to December 2020
- Development of a Monitoring Plan as from August 2020
- Development of TMIS (module to be integrated in the EMIS for MEHRD)
- Full implementation of the policy as from January 2021

OPPORTUNITIES

- Equitable deployment of teachers
- Provision of coherent/systematic training
- Teachers have a voice
- Having a qualified teacher in every classroom
- Educational Institutions managed by qualified leaders
- The education system is more effective and efficient
- Teaching is the number one profession in Seychelles

POLICY MONITORING, EVALUATION & REVIEW

- TMD will carry out annual update on the implementation of the Action Plan as per established framework
- Coordinating Team shall have the responsibility of ensuring that the procedures set forth in the policy are applied at all relevant instances as per established frameworks.
- An interim evaluation shall be conducted after 3 years of implementation
- First review 2025 (as necessary)

