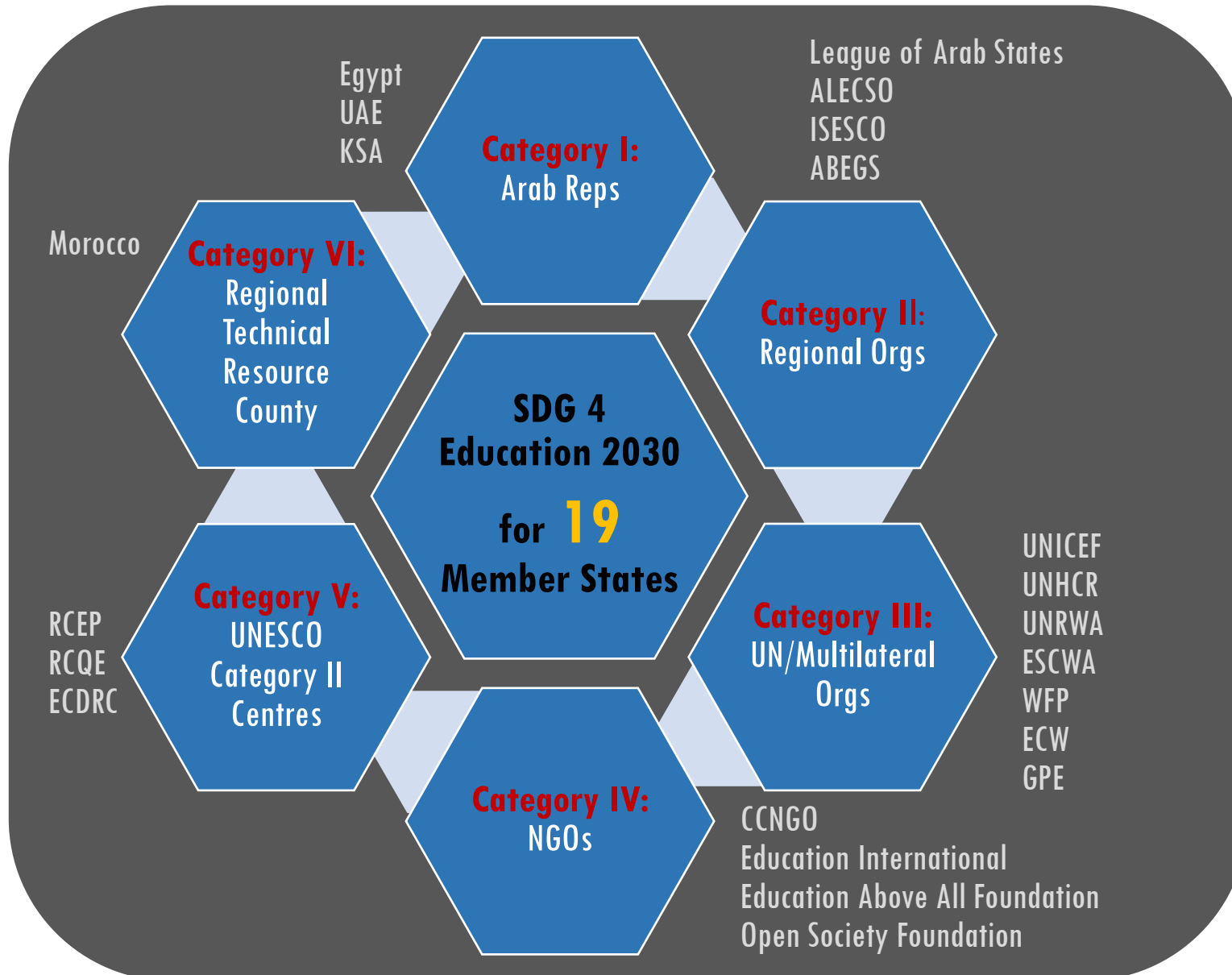


Process of Regional Benchmarks on SDG4 **ARAB STATES Updates to the TCG**

7th TCG Meeting
29 October 2020

Arab Regional Support Group for SDG4-Education 2030



- Regional coordination mechanism based on partners from 6 categories since 2016
- More than 25 regional and sub-regional partners
- Serve as a regional platform for:
 - Advocating/promoting SDG4
 - Policy dialogue in the region
 - Information Sharing and knowledge exchange
 - Consultations on SDG 4
 - Liaising with global/other regional/national bodies related to SDG4
- Secretariat: UNESCO Regional Bureau in Beirut

Arab Regional Meetings on Education 2030 (AR-MED)

- **AR-MED I:** Operationalization of the Education 2030 Agenda & Adoption of Cairo Roadmap (December 2015, Cairo)
- **AR-MED II:** Adoption of Dubai Regional Roadmap for SDG 4 – Education 2030 (March 2017, Dubai)
- **AR-MED III:** Aligning curriculum, teachers and learning assessment to reach SDG4 targets (November 2018, Dead Sea)
- **AR-MED IV:** (2020 meeting postponed, planned early 2021)

In 2020, conducted two technical virtual webinars, one Regional Ministerial Meeting on Back to Learning in the Arab States in the context of COVID-19 crisis

Process of Regional SDG 4 Benchmarking in the Arab States

- 28 September 2020 – Technical-level consultation with SDG 4 Support Group
- 27 October 2020 – Consultation with Member States

Key Takeaways

- Regional context on fragility and refugees are not reflected;
- Arab SDG4 support group can facilitate the benchmarking process, however the question remains as to how to boost up the country commitments;
- There is an absence of a region-wide education entity making it more important to find an organization (member-state based from the region) to facilitate this process

Proposed Timeline of Arab Regional SDG 4 Benchmarking

First meetings with countries to gather feedback, reaction and improve our understanding about the regions concerns and nuances

Last week of Oct/2020

Final declaration adopted at the High Political Level

Dec/2020

Adoption of benchmark at a Higher Ministerial meeting

Q2 2021

Nov/2020

Consultation led by UNESCO BEI for a declaration

- Addressing commitment to process
- Calling technical meetings to finalize technical discussions
- Set a maximum timeline ideally April/May 2021

Q1 2021

Gathering of at least two technical meeting between the country experts and the TCG secretariat to finalize the regional benchmarks