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Report from UNESCO MGIEP on presentation of IIB recommendations to its Governing Board

UNESCO MGIEP held its Sixth Governing Board Meeting on December 6-7 2019. This was a meeting where several new members of the governing board were inducted including a new chairperson was elected as the tenure of the former members had come to an end.

The agenda of the Governing Board meeting included the following:

- Progress Reports 2018 and demonstration of Key Projects
- Election of New Chair, Governing Board UNESCO MGIEP
- Discussion on the second operational agreement and building premises
- Brief discussion on the recommendations of the Working group on the governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO (**ANNEX I**) of document 39 C/20) was presented to each member)
- Programme of Work 2019
- Approval of Human Resource Strategy 2019

Date/Time	December 6-7 2018
Location	UNESCO MGIEP, 35 Feroz Shah Road, ICSSR Building First Floor, New Delhi 110001
Attendees	<p><u>MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD (IN ATTENDANCE):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof JS Rajput, Chair UNESCO MGIEP (newly elected) • Dr.Karan Singh Outgoing Chair UNESCO MGIEP • Ms. Roza Otunbayeva, Former President, Kyrgyz Republic • Ms. Sangay Zam Former Secretary to the Ministry of Education Bhutan • Mr. Peter Rhee, Deputy Managing Director and Corporate Vice President Samsung Electronics, Republic of South Korea • Ms. Sonia Bashir Kabir, Managing Director Microsoft- Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Laos • Ms. Aiko Doden, Special affairs commentator and senior producer at NHK World TV Japan • Prof. Mohan Munasinghe Former Vice Chair of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Chairman of the Munasinghe Institute for Development, Sri Lanka • Dr Sriprapha Petcharamee, Senior Lecturer and Chair of the PhD studies at Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand • Dr Richard Davidson, Founder of the Center for Healthy Mind at the Waisman Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States of America • Dr Kristian Berg Harpviken, Research Professor, PRIO Norway (On Skype) <p><u>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr N Saravana Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India <p><u>OBSERVERS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi, Director UNESCO Regional Bureau of Education, Bangkok • Mr. Eric Falt Director and UNESCO Representative to Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka • Mr. Svein Ostveitt Representative of the Director general UNESCO <p><u>SECRETARY TO THE BOARD:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anantha K Duraiappah, Director, UNESCO MGIEP <p><u>Participants from MGIEP's Senior Management Team:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nusrat Jahan, Finance and Administrative Officer MGIEP • Dr. Nandini Singh Chatterjee, National Project Officer MGIEP • Dr. Yoko Mochizuki, Project Officer MGIEP • Mr. Abel Caine, Senior Project Officer MGIEP • Mr. Saurabh Roy, Chief Technical Officer UNESCO MGIEP



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The Recommendations of the Working group on the governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO (ANNEX I (of document 39 C/20)) were presented to the Governing board members in the afternoon of 7th December 2019 in New Delhi.

The director of the institute introduced the recommendations with the background that in its 38th session, the General Conference of UNESCO decided to establish an open-ended working group on governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO. At its first meeting, the Working Group adopted its terms of reference and decided to organize its work by splitting into two sub-groups, devoted to review the structure, composition and methods of work of UNESCO's governing bodies including the structure, composition and methods of work of the UNESCO international and intergovernmental bodies – IIBs such as MGIEP. The working group adopted a total of 134 recommendations.

The ones concerning MGIEP fall under Appendices containing General Recommendations for IIBs and Best practices for IIBs were shared with the governing board members.

DISCUSSION:

The Governing Board of the MGIEP at its sixth annual meeting held in New Delhi from the 6-7th December took note of the Letter from the President of the Governing conference (39th session of the General Conference) and welcomes line items 117 to 127.

WORKING GROUP ON THE GOVERNANCE, PROCEDURES, AND WORKING METHODS OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF UNESCO RECOMMENDATIONS

“Education Category 1 Institutes

117. To improve transparency and information dissemination, more systematic and coherent presentation of the work of the Education Category 1 Institutes to the Executive Board and Member States is recommended, considering that allocations from the Regular Budget support the Category 1 Institutes.

118. In this connection, enhancing visibility and interaction with Member States, through appropriate feedback mechanisms, such as periodic dialogues or orientation and information meetings is suggested.

119. Dissemination of information on selection, procedures, and key decisions of Governing Boards to all Member States is desirable.

120. Updating of websites to improve information-sharing is necessary.

121. The functional autonomy of Education Category 1 Institutes has to be maintained.

122. Mapping of assets/ contributions of Category 1 Institutes for implementation of SDG4 would be a valuable tool to enhance synergies and impacts.

123. Harmonization and updating of statutes and procedures is timely. The Secretariat, Member States and relevant Governing Bodies should continue to engage on this issue. 13 39 C/70 – Report of the APX Commission

124. Balanced support to the Category 1 Institutes has to be promoted to maintain their important roles and contributions, not only regionally, but worldwide.

125. Meeting of Chairpersons can include the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS).

126. Education Category 1 Institutes are encouraged to closely cooperate on relevant issues.

127. The internet site of the International Institute for the Capacity-building in Africa (IICBA) should be made available in French, and the English version of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) website should be improved.”

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Director of MGIEP presented the recommendations made by the GC.

DECISION:

The MGIEP Governing Board especially welcomed item 124 that stated that member states were to contribute to the work program of the Institute taking into consideration the important role it plays in implementing the mandate of UNESCO not only in the Asia-Pacific region. but also at the global level as when the demand emerges. The GB directed the Director to ensure that requests from the Governing Conference be accommodated.