



Regional Workshop on Education Finance Data for the South and West Asia Bangkok, Thailand 20-24 June 2016

OBJECTIVES:

- To introduce the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) framework and process
- To introduce the National Education Accounts (NEA) methodology and disseminate results of the GPE/UNESCO NEA project
- To train countries on education financing, and using the Education Finance data Template
- To have countries processing most recent available year(s) of their own data using the Template, and be ready (or nearly) to submit UIS Questionnaire B by the end of the workshop

Agenda

The working sessions will be held at the **Gallery I** (Level 3 of the Plaza Athénée Bangkok Hotel)

Day 1, Monday 20 June 2016

- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 - 09:15 Welcome and opening remarks by Mr Gwang-Jo Kim, Director of the UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education
- 09:15 - 09:30 Introductions of the participants and presentation of the agenda
- 09:30 - 10:15 Brief introduction to UIS work, mandate and data collection
- 10:15 - 10:45 *Coffee/tea break*
- 10:45 - 12:15 Introduction to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- 12:15 - 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 - 15:15 Introduction to the GPE-National Education Accounts project, education financing, and the basics of the NEA methodology
- 15:15 - 15:45 *Coffee/tea break*
- 15:45 - 17:00 Exercise-A: Mapping education financing flows in each country (introduction of exercise + each team working on their own mappings)
- 19:00 *Group dinner at the VA Drawing room (Level 2 of the Plaza Athénée Bangkok Hotel)*

Day 2, Tuesday 21 June 2016

- 09:00 - 10:30 Continuation of Exercise-A on education financing flows mapping
 - 10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee/tea break*
 - 11:00 - 12:00 Presentation from the Nepal team on their National Education Accounts exercise
 - 12:00 - 13:30 *Lunch*
 - 13:30 - 15:15 Introduction to the UIS Questionnaire B on education financing and of the Education Finance Data Template
 - 15:15 - 15:45 *Coffee/tea break*
 - 15:45 - 17:00 Exercise-B : Compiling data on government expenditure to prepare it for the template
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Day 3, Wednesday 22 June 2016

- 09:00 - 10:30 Continuation of Exercise-B (in parallel: bilateral meeting with Afghanistan)
- 10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee/tea break*
- 11:00 - 12:15 Exercise-C: Entering data on government expenditure data in template, assigning categories ,
disaggregating data (in parallel: bilateral meeting with Bangladesh)
- 12:15 - 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 - 15:15 Presentation: Education finance process in India
- 15:15 - 15:45 *Coffee/tea break*
- 15:45 - 17:00 Continuation of Exercise-C (in parallel: bilateral meetings with Bhutan and Iran)

Day 4, Thursday 23 June 2016

- 09:00 - 10:30 Presentation: methods to disaggregate data
- 10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee/tea break*
- 11:00 - 12:15 Continuation of Exercise-C: (in parallel: bilateral meeting with India)
- 12:15 - 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 - 15:15 Continuation of Exercise-C (in parallel: bilateral meetings with Maldives and Nepal)
- 15:15 - 15:45 *Coffee/tea break*
- 15:45 - 17:00 Continuation of Exercise-C (in parallel: bilateral meetings with Pakistan and Sri Lanka)

Day 5, Friday 24 June 2016

- 09:00 – 10:30 Presentation: education finance indicators
- 10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee/tea break*
- 11:00 – 12:00 Finalising exercises: entering data on government expenditure data in template, assigning
categories, disaggregating data, calculating indicators
- 12:00 - 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 - 15:30 Group discussion on challenges encountered, agreement on next steps
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Bilateral Sessions

The bilateral sessions will be held in the area adjacent to the Gallery I (Level 3 of the Plaza Athénée Bangkok Hotel)

Day 3, Wednesday 22 June 2016

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| 09:00 – 10:00 | Afghanistan |
| 11:00 - 12:15 | Bangladesh |
| 15:45 - 16:15 | Bhutan |
| 16:15 - 17:00 | Iran |

Day 4, Thursday 23 June 2016

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| 11:15 - 12:15 | India |
| 13:30 - 14:15 | Maldives |
| 14:15 - 15:15 | Nepal |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Pakistan |
| 16:15 - 17:00 | Sri Lanka |

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