

CONCEPT NOTE

3rd Asia-Pacific Meeting on Education 2030 (APMED2030)

4-7 July 2017

In particular, Member States expressed the need for support in understanding key concepts and terms concerning SDG target 4.7 which are very broad and contain a variety of issues and themes. Additionally, the outcomes of the session on SDG target 4.7 at the 2nd APMED2030 revealed that while countries are working on the implementation of the indicative strategies under this target, many of them do not have concrete and effective implementation plans yet. Moreover, the participants indicated the need for capacity development particularly in the areas of measuring, monitoring and evaluating SDG target 4.7.

In view of the attention required to address SDG target 4.7 in the region, a technical meeting has been proposed that will focus on:

- Mainstreaming SDG target 4.7 at all levels of education and into national policies, plans, curricula, teaching and learning practices and assessment
- Operationalizing SDG target 4.7; and
- Reflecting on country-level indicators for monitoring progress and reporting on SDG target 4.7.

The 2nd APMED2030 also launched the Regional Network of National Coordinators for SDG4-Education 2030, and the draft Terms of Reference was discussed. It was agreed at the concurrent session of national focal points of SDG4-Education 2030 that the first formal meeting of the National Coordinators SDG4-Education 2030 will be held on the occasion of the next APMED2030.

Therefore, under the theme of SDG Target 4.7, the 3rd APMED2030 will be organized in Bangkok, Thailand on 4-7 July 2017 by UNESCO Bangkok – Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, together with the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO) and UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA).

The meeting will consist of two parts; the first part being the technical session on SDG Target 4.7 which will take place during 4-6 July 2017. Part 2 of the meeting will be dedicated to the first formal meeting of the National Coordinators of SDG4-Education 2030 (NB: see separate concept note for the Meeting of the Regional Network of National Coordinators for SDG4-Education 2030, which will take place on 7 July 2017).

Overarching objective

To enhance Member States' understanding and capacity to mainstream elements of SDG target 4.7 [i.e. education for sustainable development (ESD), global citizenship education (GCED), human rights education, peace education, health education, etc.] at all levels of education and into policies, plans, curricula, teaching and learning practices, and assessment, and to operationalize, monitor and report on SDG target 4.7.

Objectives

To create a shared understanding of SDG 4.7 and discuss implementation

To discuss/explore a minimum set of indicators for the region to monitor and report on SDG target 4.7

To develop a set of regional recommendations on mainstreaming elements of SDG target 4.7 into education policies, plans, curricula and teaching, measurement and assessment, and on the monitoring of and reporting on SDG target 4.7.

To develop draft national action plans on the operationalization and monitoring of SDG target 4.7.

Expected Outputs

Regional recommendations on 1) mainstreaming elements of SDG target 4.7 at all levels and into education policy, plans, curriculum, teaching and learning practices, and assessment; 2) monitoring of and reporting on SDG target 4.7; 3) regional level support to Member States; and 4) strategic partnership development for SDG target 4.7

Draft national action plans to operationalize and monitor SDG target 4.7.

Country Preparatory Work

To prepare for the meeting, UNESCO Bangkok will send a template of the national action plan

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Reference documents

1. UNESCO SDG4 Webpage
<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/education/themes/leading-the-international-agenda/education-for-all/sdg4-education-2030/>
2. UNESCO SDG Target 4.7 Webpage
<https://en.unesco.org/qced/sdg47progress>
3. SDG Indicators (Metadata Repository)
<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/>
4. Historical efforts to implement the UNESCO 1974 Recommendation on Education in light of 3 SDGs Targets
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002472/247275E.pdf>
5. Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, 19 November 1974
http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13088&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
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