



## **Mission Report**

### **SDG 4 Steering Committee and Reunion Meeting**

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#### **A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission**

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#### **B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

1. The SDG 4 Steering Committee is a response and recommendations for follow-up to the Global Education Monitoring Report (GEMR 2016), discussion on possible activities of the Steering Committee as a follow up to the report and comments of the SC on the outline of the GEM 2017 report.
2. The Steering Committee is an endorsement of thematic indicators based on the proposal from Technical Cooperation Group (TCG) based on conclusions reached at the TCG meeting in Madrid, 26-28 October 2016 and agreement on how the SC could support initiatives to implement the SDG4–Education 2030 indicator frameworks at national, regional and global levels. It is a response to the “Learning Generation Report” of the International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity and recommendations for follow-up by the SC.
3. There was a consensus on the decision for the proposal for establishing SDG4-Education 2030 Champion countries. There was also an agreement on SC advocacy activities to support the achievement of SDG4-Education 2030.




## C. Participants

- (1) Selected UN Member countries
- (2) SDG 4 Steering Committee Members
- (3) Invited Regional and International Organisations
- (4) UNESCO Paris Officials (DG, ADG, Directors, Officials and Staff)

## D. Organizer/s

Section of Partnerships, Cooperation and Research  
Division of Education 2030 Support and Coordination  
Education Sector, UNESCO Paris Headquarters

## E. Highlights of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The World Education Forum entrusted UNESCO with coordinating the implementation of the international education agenda. This led to the establishment of the **SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee**, which is tasked to:
  -  provide strategic guidance, review progress drawing on the GEM Report, and make recommendations to the education community on key priorities and catalytic actions to achieve the new agenda;
  -  monitor and advocate for adequate financing; and
  -  encourage harmonization and coordination of partner activities.

The SDG 4 Steering Committee meeting discussed about the ff:

- (1) The key findings of the 2016 GEM Report and potential follow-up actions for the Steering Committee to consider based on the 2016 report's recommendations.
- (2) SDG developments at global level
  -  Update on Activities for SDG-ED 2030 implementation (UNESCO and members of the SC)
  -  International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity report
  -  2016 Global Education 2030 Monitoring (GEM) Report
  -  Global and thematic SDG 4 indicators
- (3) Updates of International and Regional Organizations on SDG 4
- (4) Recommendations and next SC meeting

## F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. SEAMEO Secretariat DDPD presented the SEAMEO Education Agenda and how it is linked to meet the SDG 4 Targets under 10 key priority areas.

2. DDPD also provided intervention in all the proposals provided by UNESCO implementing offices for SDG 4.

### G. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. SEAMEO's response to SDG 4 Targets.
2. Integrate the activities presented in the SEAMEO Seven Priority Agenda brochure with UNESCO SDG 4 goals of promoting inclusive quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all.
3. Provide continuing dialogue with UNESCO for better education in the region.

### H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. SDG Meeting Brochure
  2. SDG 4 Ppt
  3. SDG 4 Book
- I. Photos (with SEAMEO Steering Committee Members and Co-Chair of SC for SDG, Sec Gen of ASPBE Ms Maria Khan and Phil Delegation to UNESCO Paris.

