



Mission Report

CROSS NATIONAL ASSESSMENT MEETING Institute of Educational Assessment (IEA) Hamburg, Germany 21-22 September 2017

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

1. The CAN Meeting Background

The CNA meeting brings together technical experts from regional and international assessments to meet and work out a roadmap to eventual linking assessments and reporting the results along the same scale.

2. Objectives:

- 1) Discuss the reporting protocol and possible interim reporting until the UIS reporting scale is developed;
- 2) Develop a strategy to improve coverage;
- 3) Discuss options for linking cross-national learning assessments;
- 4) Explore the possibility to apply linking to national learning assessments;
- 5) Discuss options of benchmarking.

The meeting was led by UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Director Dr Sylvia Montoya. The meeting included presentations and plenary discussions. The moderator in each session summarized key discussion and decision points.

C. Participants

- (1) UNESCO Institute for Statistics
- (2) Institute for Educational Assessment (IEA), Hamburg

- (3) OECD
- (4) SEAMEO
- (5) UNICEF
- (6) Regional Assessment experts
- (7) ACER

D. Organizer/s

- UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)
- IEA, Hamburg

E. Highlights of the Activity/Summary Points

1. UIS Director Dr Sylvia Montoya presented the technical papers as follows:
 - a. Reporting protocols
 - b. Coverage Issues
 - c. Cross – national Assessment mapping
 - d. National Assessment Mapping
2. The meeting also discussed the immediate issues and solutions on reporting in 2017. The group reviewed together the UIS Reporting Protocol and the work of Interim Protocol.
3. The afternoon session was focused on linking the regional and international assessments. ACER presented “equating existing assessments and validating UIS reporting scales”. Discussions centered on the different options on how to link the cross-national assessments with the SDG 4.1.1. The meeting also discussed the technical requirements on cross-national assessments as well as the pragmatic approach to lining assessment.
4. IEA also presented the ways to monitor SDG 4.1.1 which may utilize the regional assessments and or national assessments already in place.
 - SEAMEO presented the requirements for SEA PLM in terms of linking it with the international assessments for SDG 4.1.1. First, the SEA PLM is in its Field Trial Phase and the reason why SEA MOEs approve this is for the reason of confidentiality and not for comparison. If SEA PLM will be utilize as an assessment tool forSDG 4.1. then the matter needs approval from HOM and the Ministers.
 - There are different ways to link assessment in the region and some member countries may offer their other assessment like PISA or their own national assessments.
5. The meeting also identified the technical requirements on cross-national assessments to enable linking and the ways forward on equating cross-national assessments
6. There was a discussion on the item sourced from wide assessment programs (national and cross-national assessments) and item security
7. The experts agree to develop models of alignment to UIS Reporting Scale.

F. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. The possibility for linking SEA PLM with SDG 4.1.1 has to be explored and decided as soon as possible. The matter has to be taken in a regular coordination meeting by SEAMEO and UNICEF.

2. SEAMEO Secretariat will work continuously with UNICEF to decide on the agreements reached during the CAN Technical meeting.

G. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. The meeting materials will be provided to the Library for future reference
2. Cost copy of reports from UIS will be in Annexes

H. Photos

