



Mission Report

Fourth Global Steering Committee Meeting On Sustainable Development Goal 4 UNESCO HQ Paris France 28 February- 1-2 March 2018

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A. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

1. The SEAMEO Secretariat was nominated by ASIA Pacific countries to represent regional organizations in the Global SDG Steering Committee. The Global Steering Committee Meeting took place from Feb 28 to 2 March 2018.
2. The meeting was preceded by Education Above All meeting which was led by the Qatar Foundation.
3. The SDG meeting aims to better engage the regional process and identify possible actions to strengthen cooperation at the regional levels.
4. The session was highlighted by presentations from UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) and the Global Education Monitoring Reports.
5. SEAMEO was asked to present on Day 1: representing all Regional Organizations in the Asia Pacific region and to contribute to the GEM and HLPF in 2019.

B. Organizer/s

UNESCO Education 2030 Steering Committee

C. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

The SDG Global Steering Committee has the following events and highlights:

Day 1: February 28, 2018

- A discussion on SDG Education 2030 regional level opportunities, challenges and the way forward. It was chaired by UNESCO

Day2: High Level Education Policy Forum (HLPF) Preparation

- The meeting asked the Global Education Monitoring (GEM) to report on Indicator framework, global monitoring and reporting. Several completed studies were presented by GEM (Annex 1). The OEI chaired the presentation session.
- A presentation of the Strategic Policy Guidance for the implementation of SDG 4 followed and was commented on by all the members of the SC, with Belgium leading the presentation.

- The policy paper on financing of education was presented by UNESCO. The innovative financing systems and mechanisms were explained to be able to support the achievement of SDG Goals 4.

Day 3: Friday, March 2, 2018

- OMAN led the discussions on the Global Education Meeting preparations. The concept note was presented as well as the process for consultation.
- The Technical Working Group in Global advocacy, communication and outreach discussion was led by UNICEF and some suggestions for a better SDG communication strategy were discussed, SEAMES suggested to utilize technology and maximize collaboration using a community of practice meeting and collaboration.
- The meeting ended with a review of the Steering Committee recommendations and decisions. This was facilitated by Dr Dankert Vedeler of the European Union.

D. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. SEAMEO Secretariat, being a Steering Committee member representing Regional Organization in Asia and the Pacific reported the policies, activities of all ASPAC regional organizations to support Education 2030.
2. SEAMEO also helped prepare for the GEM and HLPF meetings in 2018 and 2019.

E. Side Meeting/s

1. Meeting for Mobile Learning Week. SEAMEO followed up the application to present SEAMEO programmes on ICT- based learning with UNESCO ICT.
2. SEAMES also followed up last payment on OER project with UNESCO ICT Team. Payment was issued to SEAMES by bank transfer.

F. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Prepare a letter to inform all Regional Organizations on the Outcomes and Outputs of the Meetings.

G. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

The hard copies of the agenda, WPs and PPTs are available at the SEAMES library.

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Statements prepared during the Meeting
3. Invitation to SEAMES DDPD

H. Photos



The Asia Pacific delegates of the SDG 4 Education 2030 Steering Committee Meeting (with UNESCO Bangkok, Korea, Japan and China)