



## **Mission Report**

### **AVPN Leadership Conference June 5-6, 2018 Singapore**

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

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

AVPN is annual meeting of cases and presentations convened by Asian venture Network in cooperation with the UNESCAP the British Council, the Inclusive Education Action Network among others.

SEAMEO was invited as a policy panelist among other delegations and CEOs from Singapore, Indonesia and China.

#### **C. Participants**

The AVPN is a global meeting of thought leaders, CEOs and philanthropists organizations in the Asia Pacific region and the world. The meeting had over 500 educators, business men and consulting firms in education.

#### **D. Organizer/s**

- The ASIAN Ventures Philanthropists Network
- UNESCAP
- British Council

#### **E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points**

1. AVPN is a unique funders' network based in Singapore committed to building a vibrant and high impact philanthropy and social investment community across

Asia. It is an advocate, capacity builder, and platform that cuts across private, public and social sectors embracing all types of engagement to improve the effectiveness of members across the Asia Pacific region.

2. The Education Ecosystem session is where I was a pannelist. It discussed about Education as a powerful catalyst for societal change and is a critical input for every dimension of sustainable development.
3. The session talks a lot about the newly adopted global education agenda (SDG4) that has set even more ambitious targets concerning all levels of education and renewed focus on the quality of and relevance of learning.
4. DDPD relayed that the education ecosystem is complex. It covers stages from early childhood education over primary and secondary education to lifelong learning, and draws upon organisations setting curricula, assessment, teacher training and school leadership and management. Funding from philanthropy over corporate funding to impact investing plays an important role in addressing these areas. Some of the questions to answer in this session are:
  - a. What makes early childhood, primary and secondary education successful?
  - b. What kind of funding is required for these segments?
  - c. Where are the gaps for funding today and how can these be closed?
  - d. Speakers in this session come from India, China and Indonesia and present local innovations.
5. The session provided insights into effectiveness at different education segments. It also situated the funding landscape for the different elements in SE Asia, NE Asia and S Asia. The session identified the gaps in the current funding landscape as well as opportunities for funding education.

## **F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO**

SEAMES DDPD is the panel speaker on Funding the Education Ecosystem.

## **G. Follow-up Actions Needed**

The International Conference opened up opportunities to meet big organizations and key CEOs who can fund education projects. DDPD met with US AID as well as FHI360 on projects for Southeast Asia. This can be followed up to have more strategic projects in the pipeline for SEAMEO.

## **H. Photos**

