

# THE SUB-REGIONAL MEETING ON EDUCATION 2030: IMPLEMENTING THE SDG4 IN CENTRAL ASIA

22-24 February 2017 in Grand Hotel Tien Shan, Almaty, Kazakhstan

## PROGRAMME AGENDA

### Provisional Agenda

UNESCO Cluster Bureau for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan (UNESCO Almaty) holds the Sub-Regional Meeting on Education 2030 to accelerate the planning, implementation and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) - Education 2030 agenda in Central Asia. The workshop also officially launches the 2016 Global Education Monitoring Report “Education for people and planet: Creating sustainable futures for all”, which examines complex links between education and key development sectors with an implication for education policy.

### Main objectives:

- To establish a network of national SDG4 coordinators in Central Asia;
- To present the key highlights of the UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2016;
- To update Member States on the latest global, regional, sub-regional and national trends, developments on SDG4-Education 2030;
- To identify key challenges and opportunities (with regard to strategies, policy, resources, capacity, data, structures, etc.) at a country level in relation to the implementation of SDG4-Education 2030;
- To discuss and agree on the sub-regional and individual country’s implementation strategies, key priorities and actions towards the achievement of SDG4-Education 2030 in Central Asia.

Wednesday, 22 February 2017	
08:00 – 09:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
09:00 – 09:50	<p><b>SESSION 1: WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Krista Pikkat, Head of Office, UNESCO Office in Tashkent</li> <li>Ms Assel Utegenova, Secretary-General, Kazakhstan National Commission for UNESCO and ISESCO</li> <li>Introduction to the Sub-regional meeting on SDG4-Education 2030, Ms Lina Benete, Education Programme Specialist, UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty</li> </ul>
09:50-10:30	<p><b>SESSION 2: PRESENTATION OF THE GLOBAL EDUCATION MONITORING REPORT 2016</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Taya Owens, Research Officer, Global Education Monitoring Report, UNESCO HQ</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK &amp; PRESS BRIEFING</b>
11:00 – 12:00	<p><b>SESSION 3: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL UPDATES ON SDG4-EDUCATION 2030: STRATEGIC APPROACHES ON ACHIEVING SDG4 TARGETS</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Lina Benete, Education Programme Specialist, UNESCO Almaty</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SDG4-Education2030 processes at global level, Ms Huong Le Thu, Programme Specialist, Division for Education 2030 Support and Coordination, Section of Partnerships, Cooperation and Research, UNESCO HQ</li> <li>SDG4-Education 2030 processes at the Asia-Pacific regional level, Ms Aurelie Acoca, Assistant Programme Specialist, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education in Bangkok</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
12.00 – 13.00	<b>LUNCH</b>
13.00 – 15.00	<p><b>SESSION 4: COUNTRY REPORTS ON SDG4-EDUCATION 2030 PROCESSES</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Krista Pikkat, Head of Office, UNESCO Office in Tashkent</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Almagul Kultumanova, Vice-President, Information-Analytic Centre, Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>Mr Salydin Kaldybayev, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>Mr Abdudzhabor Aliev, Chief of Pre-school and general secondary education department, Ministry of Education and Science of Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>Ms Umida Islamova, Research coordinator, Centre for Economic Research, Republic of Uzbekistan</li> <li>Ms Munkhtuya Yondonjamts, Education Programme Specialist, Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>

15.00 – 15.15	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
15.15 – 16.00	<p><b>SESSION 5: FINDINGS OF THE PRE-MEETING SURVEY AND INTRODUCTION TO PARALLEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Lina Benete, Education Programme Specialist, UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-meeting survey results, Ms Aurelie Acoca, Assistant Programme Specialist, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education in Bangkok</li> <li>• Overview of SDG4 targets and parallel group discussions, Ms Natalya Bakhmutova, Regional Director, Central Asia Centre of Excellence Development</li> </ul>
16:00 – 17:00	<p><b>SESSION 6: STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION OF LIFELONG LEARNING - ECCE AND BASIC EDUCATION (ref. targets 4.1, 4.2, 4.5 and 4A-4C)</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Ms Natalya Bakhmutova, Regional Director, Central Asia Centre of Excellence Development</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Sheena Bell, Regional Education Specialist, UNICEF Regional Office for CEE-CIS</li> <li>• Mr Nurlan Zhanybek, Education Lead, Microsoft CEE Multi-Country Office for CIS</li> </ul> <p><b>Parallel Group Discussions</b></p>
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Main expected outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies to address key priorities and milestones for achieving targets at the national level;</li> <li>• Required actions (national, sub- regional, and regional) to take towards the milestones;</li> <li>• Feedback on the next steps on implementing and monitoring progress with proposed indicators for the targets.</li> </ul>
18:00 – 20:00	<b>RECEPTION DINNER</b>
<b>Thursday, 23 February 2017:</b>	
9:00 – 10:00	<p><b>SESSION 6: STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION OF LIFELONG LEARNING - ECCE AND BASIC EDUCATION-Cont. (ref. targets 4.1, 4.2, 4.5 and 4A-4C)</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Ms Natalya Bakhmutova, Regional Director, Central Asia Centre of Excellence Development</p> <p><b>Reporting back from the groups</b></p> <p>Group rapporteurs will present expected outputs of the session at the plenary.</p>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>COFFEE BREAK &amp; PHOTO</b>
10:15 – 12:00	<p><b>SESSION 7: MAKING A LIFELONG LEARNING A REALITY - ENSURING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS (ref. targets 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4A-4C)</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Ms Natalya Bakhmutova, Regional Director, Central Asia Centre of Excellence Development</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Wouter Meester, Project Coordinator, OECD HQ</li> </ul>

<p><b>12:00-13:00</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Ian Cumming, Senior Specialist in VET Policies and Systems, Country Desk Operations Department, European Training Foundation</li> <li>Mr Levan Kvatchadze, Regional Director for Central Asia, Institute for International Cooperation of German Adult Education Association</li> </ul> <p><b>Parallel Group Discussions</b></p> <p>Main expected outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategies to address key priorities and milestones for achieving targets at the national level;</li> <li>Required actions (national, sub- regional, and regional) to take towards the milestones;</li> <li>Feedback on the next steps on implementing and monitoring progress with proposed indicators for the targets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:00-14:00</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
<p><b>14:00-15:00</b></p>	<p><b>Reporting back from the groups</b></p> <p>Group rapporteurs will present expected outputs of the session at the plenary.</p>
<p><b>15:00 – 15:45</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 8: PLACING EQUITY AND INCLUSION AT THE HEART OF IMPLEMENTATION</b> (ref. targets 4.5, 4.6 and 4A-4C)</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Ms Natalya Bakhmutova, Regional Director, Central Asia Centre of Excellence Development</p> <p><b>Plenary Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Nargis Azizova, Programme Specialist, UN Women Kazakhstan Multi-Country Office</li> <li>Ms Sheena Bell, Regional Education Specialist, UNICEF Regional Office for CEE-CIS</li> <li>Ms Amy Scott, Acting Deputy Director, Health and Education Office, USAID Central Asia</li> <li>Mr Nazarkhudo Dastambuev, Director, Education department, Open Society Institute Tajikistan</li> </ul>
<p><b>15:45 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>16:00 – 17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel Group Discussions</b></p> <p>Main expected outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategies to address key priorities and milestones for achieving targets at the national level;</li> <li>Required actions (national, sub- regional, and regional) to take towards the milestones;</li> <li>Feedback on the next steps on implementing and monitoring progress with proposed indicators for the targets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>17:00 – 18:00</b></p>	<p><b>Reporting back from the groups</b></p> <p>Group rapporteurs will present expected outputs of the session at the plenary.</p>
<p><b>Friday, 24 February 2017:</b></p>	
<p><b>09:00 – 10:30</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 9: PROVIDING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b> (ref. targets 4.5, 4.7 and 4A-4C)</p>

<p><b>10:30 – 10:45</b></p> <p><b>10:45 – 12:00</b></p> <p><b>12:00 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Facilitator:</b> Ms Natalya Bakhmutova, Regional Director, Central Asia Centre of Excellence Development</p> <p><b>Plenary presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Kristine Tovmasyan, Natural Sciences Programme Specialist, UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty</li> <li>• Ms Tatyana Shakirova, Education for Sustainable Development Programme Manager, The Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia</li> <li>• Ms Atanasia Stoianova, Education Consultant, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities Office</li> <li>• Mr Leonid Kim, UNESCO Associated Schools Project Coordinator, Kazakhstan</li> </ul> <p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p> <p><b>Parallel Group Discussions</b></p> <p>Main expected outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies to address key priorities and milestones for achieving targets at the national level;</li> <li>• Required actions (national, sub- regional, and regional) to take towards the milestones;</li> <li>• Feedback on the next steps on implementing and monitoring progress with proposed indicators for the targets.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reporting back from the groups</b></p> <p>Group rapporteurs will present expected outputs of the session at the plenary.</p>
<p><b>13.00 – 14.00</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
<p><b>14.00 – 16.00</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 10: DEVELOPING SDG4-EDUCATION 2030 COUNTRY ACTION PLANS</b></p> <p><b>Country Group Discussions</b></p> <p>Discussions will be guided by the following key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What governance and accountability steps should be taken to implement identified strategies and actions? What coordination mechanisms and partnerships can be established to promote the implementation of SDG4-Education 2030?</li> <li>• What monitoring, follow-up and review measures should be used to assess the implementation progress?</li> <li>• What are the capacity development and financing needs to implement and monitor progress?</li> <li>• What is the timeline for streamlining Education 2030-SDG4 into government education policy?</li> </ul> <p><b>Main expected outputs of the session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The preliminary plan of action (with regard to structures, coordination, partnerships, policy, strategies, resources, capacity, data, etc.) at a country level to implement SDG4-Education 2030;</li> <li>• The timeframe for the completion of the sub-regional and individual country’s implementation strategies, key priorities and actions towards the achievement of SDG4-Education 2030 in Central Asia.</li> </ul>

<b>16.00-16.15</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>16.15-17.30</b>	<b>SESSION 11: NEXT STEPS: SDG4-EDUCATION 2030 IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING ROADMAP</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms Natalya Bakhmutova, Regional Director, Central Asia Centre of Excellence Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Country presentations on SDG4-Education 2030 country action plans</li><li>• Next steps from UNESCO and other partners.</li></ul>
<b>17.30-17.45</b>	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b> Ms Krista Pikkat, Head of Office, UNESCO Office in Tashkent