Improving Teacher Support and Participation in Local Education Groups

Dissemination Meeting for the Closing of the Project

UNESCO Headquarters, Room IX,
Fontenoy Building, Paris, France
19 and 20 April 2017

Agenda

Background

“Improving Teacher Support and Participation in Local Education Groups” is a joint initiative of UNESCO and Education International, began in 2014 and supported by the Global Partnership for Education under the Global and Regional Activities programme. The project’s objective was to enhance the capacity of teachers and their organizations to participate effectively in social dialogue with national governments regarding policies that will ultimately enhance the effectiveness of teaching and thus the quality of education. Ten countries participated in the project across Africa, Asia, and Latin America: Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d’Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Benin, Mali, Senegal, Uganda, Nepal, and Haiti. Following country surveys and capacity development activities, workshops were held in eight countries to develop national training frameworks for teacher professional development. Beneficiary countries have been invited to this closing project meeting to share their national experiences. The meeting will also feature the final project output, the “Guiding Framework for Teacher Capacity Development in Social Dialogue and Education Policy Processes,” which has been designed as a training and support tool targeting teachers, teacher unions, and government institutions to guide countries in preparing national frameworks for teacher professional development.

Main Expected Outcomes

- The sharing of countries’ national experiences, their local contexts and challenges, and how they can be addressed by social dialogue.
- The launching of the draft project synthesis report pulling together the activities undertaken by Education International and UNESCO.
- The launching of the draft “Guiding Framework for Teacher Capacity Development in Social Dialogue and Education Policy Processes.”
- Bilateral networking for continuing the work of improving teachers’ participation in social dialogue and educational policy processes.
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| 9:30 – 10:00 | **Moderator:** Dr Edem Adubra, Chief, Section of Teacher Development & Head, Secretariat of the International Task Force for Teachers  
**Welcome Session**  
- Welcome by Dr Jordan Naidoo, Director, Education 2030 Support and Coordination, UNESCO  
- Statement by Ms Krystyna Sonnenberg, Education Knowledge Mobilization Officer, Global Partnership for Education  
- Statement by Education International  
- Official Opening by Dr Qian Tang, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee break                                                            |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | **Session 1: Introduction to the Project**  
- Education International  
- UNESCO (Dr Sonia Guerriero, Section of Teacher Development, Education 2030 Support and Coordination) |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **Session 2: Countries’ Experiences (Group 1 Countries)**  
**Moderator:** Mr Jean Adotevi, International Expert  
- Uganda, Liberia, Mali, Senegal  
**Question & Answer** |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch                                                                   |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **Session 3: Countries’ Experiences (Group 2 Countries)**  
**Moderator:** Mr Julien Daboué, International Expert  
- Benin, Cote d’Ivoire, Haiti, RDC  
**Question & Answer** |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee break                                                            |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | **Session 4: Synthesis of Country Experiences**  
**Moderator:** Sonia Guerriero  
- Presentation by international experts (Gabriele Göttelmann, Jean Adotevi, and Julien Daboué  
**Group Discussion** |
<p>| 18:30 – 21:00 | <strong>Cocktail Reception</strong> (UNESCO Cafeteria, 7th floor)                    |</p>
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| 9:30 – 10:30 | Session 5: Launch of the “Guiding Framework for Teacher Capacity Development in Social Dialogue and Education Policy Processes”<br><br>Moderator: Sonia Guerriero  
- Presentation by international experts (Gabriele Göttelmann, Jean Adotevi, and Julien Daboué)<br><br>Question & Answer |
| 10:30 – 11:00| Coffee break                                                          |
| 11:00 – 12:00| Session 6: Panel Discussion on the “Guiding Framework” and Ways Forward<br><br>Moderator: Sonia Guerriero  
- Panel 1: How can governments and teacher organizations work together to implement the Guiding Framework?  
- Panel 2: How can Local Education Groups and development partners help to strengthen teacher capacity for participation in education policy?<br><br>Group Discussion |
| 12:00 – 12:30| Closing Session  
- Statement by Global Partnership for Education  
- Statement by Education International  
- Official Closing by Dr Edem Adubra, Chief, Section of Teacher Development & Head, Secretariat of the International Task Force for Teachers, UNESCO |
| 12:30 – 14:00| Lunch                                                                |
| 14:00 – 16:00| Session 7: Bilateral Networking  
- Country delegates meet to exchange ideas for continuing the work. |
| 16:00 – 16:30| Coffee Break                                                          |