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CONCEPT NOTE and AGENDA

Meeting on 26 October 2021

Background

The Technical Cooperation Group (TCG) Secretariat and the chair of the TCG working group on expenditure on educational data are pleased to convene you to the first meeting of the working group. This meeting will be an occasion to introduce the members of the groups to each other and engage in a collaboration and exchanges pertaining to the methodological aspects and use of household survey data. The meeting will precede the TCG 8th Meeting, during which the working group will be presenting to the members their progress, challenges, and work plan for 2021-2022.

During 2021 the UIS has progressed in combining available data sources to expand the coverage and improve the timeliness of global indicator 1.a.2 and related indicator of total public expenditure in education as percentage of GDP.

The session will focus on indicators 1.a.2 and concretely the progress in the work plan shared in TCG7, recent development regarding data collection and reporting.

Indicator focus

- 1.a.2. reporting of expenditure in education as percentage of total expenditure and total public expenditure in percentage of GDP.

Data collection

Within this context, the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) has designed a set of user-friendly tools which help to compile national education data from different sources into relevant education levels and categories following international classifications to generate the most relevant indicators. The templates change the way of collecting data and offer the immediate possibility to see the value of the indicators. The templates were piloted in a few countries, as the UIS technical team met with national experts to explain and go through the process.

The developed templates also help countries to understand in a very transparent manner how the indicators are calculated following international methodologies. Countries can use the templates to transfer national data to international data and indicators without the need for many resources, and they can use them for national monitoring and policy discussion.

Objectives of the Meeting

During the meeting on 26 October, members of the working group will:

- Update on progress on Workplan regarding global indicator 1.a.2 and discuss some proposal about the reporting.
- Discuss the recommended mechanisms for data collection beyond 2021.

On the basis of the discussion which will take place during the working group meetings, recommendations will be made to the TCG members during the 8th Meeting (TCG-8) on 2 November.

Expected Output

- Agreement on recommendations for reporting.
- Approval of the UIS proposal for strengthening the national capacities in transferring national data into international data and statistics for global, regional, and national monitoring of SDG 4 as complementary to current proposals.

Meeting Modalities

The meeting will be held virtually for a total duration of 60 minutes.

Date: **Tuesday 26 October 2021**

Time: **14h15 to 15h30 (Paris time)** – verify the meeting time in your time zone [here](#).

Webpage: <http://tcg.uis.unesco.org/tcg8/expenditure/>
[click here to join the WG Expenditure meeting](#)

The meeting will be held in English, with simultaneous translation to French and Spanish

Agenda (tentative)

| Item | Topic | Speaker / Presenter | Duration |
|------|--|---|----------|
| 1 | Opening and welcome | Ms Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela (SEAMEO) | 5 min |
| 2 | Introduction to the meeting and update on progress | UIS | 10 min |
| 3 | Reporting of indicator 1.a.2 – new development | UIS | 15 min |
| 5 | Question and answers | Ms Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela (SEAMEO) | 10 min |
| 6 | Closing remarks | Ms Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela (SEAMEO) | 5 min |