



NEQMAP's 6th Annual Meeting

Opening the dialogue: Promoting inclusion and equity through quality assessment

13-14 DECEMBER, 2018

Background

The Education 2030 Agenda brought a renewed focus on the quality of learning as reflected in the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4. However, a large number of children are still not able to obtain basic knowledge and skills. According to the 2017 data from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), 617 million children and adolescents worldwide are not achieving minimum proficiency levels in reading and mathematics. Interestingly, most of these children not learning are actually in schools. In addition, a hundreds of children from marginalized or disadvantaged groups have a limited opportunity to access and/or receive good quality education. As per UNDP 2016 report, “women and girls, rural dwellers, indigenous peoples, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, migrants and refugees, and the LGBTI community are among those systematically excluded by barriers that are not purely economic, but political, social and cultural as well”. This calls for a greater attention to provision of inclusive and equitable quality education more than ever.

Thus, in relation to this and as part of UNESCO's support to Member States in the Asia-Pacific on SDG 4, the Network on Education Quality Monitoring in the Asia Pacific (NEQMAP) at UNESCO Bangkok, with support from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and Korea Institute for Curriculum and Evaluation (KICE), will organize its 6th annual meeting with a theme “**Opening the dialogue: Promoting inclusion and equity through quality assessment**” on 13-14 December 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand.

In addition to sharing updates on NEQMAP and its members' on-going activities, the annual meeting will facilitate discussions and exchanges on to what extent education systems are aligned to address the aforementioned issues, particularly those related to SDG targets 4.1, 4.5 and 4.7, the potential challenges encountered in the process and the possible solutions in moving forward, with a specific focus on curriculum, teaching and assessment.

All NEQMAP members as well as delegates from partner organizations are invited to participate in this meeting to update each other on their relevant activities and to share their experience and thoughts on the topic.

Venue and date

The meeting will be held at [Novotel Bangkok Sukhumvit 20](#) Hotel and will commence at 9 am on 13 December and finish at 5.30 pm on 14 December 2018. Participants are expected to stay for the full duration of the meeting. There will be a dinner reception on 13 December 2018. Lunch and coffee breaks during the meeting period will be provided by UNESCO Bangkok.

Visa requirement

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own visas (including visa fee) at the Thai Embassy or Consulate nearest to them. A formal letter of invitation can be provided by UNESCO Bangkok to facilitate the process.

Registration and contact

Please express your interest to participate in the meeting by contacting the NEQMAP Secretariat via email (neqmap@unesco.org) by **15 November, 2018**.