Background

- Formerly, UNESCO Division of Statistics
- Established in 1999
- In September 2001, the UIS moved to its new headquarters at the University of Montreal, Quebec, CANADA
- In November 2001, the UNESCO Director-General inaugurated the new UIS headquarters in Montreal
- Director, Mr. Mike Millward
- Asia-Pacific Regional Advisor, Ko-Chih Tung
UIS Mission

- Provide timely, reliable policy-relevant analytical information on a regular and ad-hoc basis
- Regular monitoring on global EFA status
- Research projects on statistics covering the UNESCO mandate (education, social sciences, culture, information and communication)
- Strengthen statistical capacity of Member States
- Regional and in-country statistical capacity building and development of statistical management information systems

Main programme areas

- Collection and dissemination of cross national data
- Global EFA Monitoring
- Statistical capacity building
- Statistical methodology and standard setting in UNESCO’s fields of competence
- Policy relevant publications

UIS data are widely “redistributed,” and published in:
- World Development Indicators, World Bank
- Human Development Report, UNDP
- State of the World’s Children, UNICEF
- Global Education Database, USAID
...and many others

Our clients and partners

- A wide range of data-users and audiences
  - International Organizations
  - National Statistical Offices, Education Ministries
  - Non-governmental organisations
  - Researchers (academic, business)
...and many others

Main programme areas

Cross-cutting and taking many forms...

- World Education Indicators (WEI) - focus on group of countries at a similar level of development
- Technical Assistance (TA) - country focus
  - Less in-depth than statistical capacity building
  - Identify problems and ways of addressing them
  - Countries have independence to implement
- Statistical Capacity Building (SCB) - country focus
  - Support to countries to implement improvements
- LAMP (Literacy Assessment and Monitoring Programme) - content focus
Main publication series: statistics and indicators

- Global Education Digest - UIS flagship publication
- EFA Global Monitoring Report
- Regional education data reports
- Thematic reports
  - Available in English and French; a few are available in all six U.N. languages
  - All can be downloaded from the UIS website (www.uis.unesco.org)

Main publication series – analysis and methodology

- Thematic reports (often in partnership with other agencies)
  - World Education Indicators / PISA reports with OECD
  - Out of School Children with UNICEF
- UIS Working Paper series
- Manuals, guides and technical documents
  - Guide to analysis of education indicators from household surveys and population censuses
  - Guide to national student assessment