Country Report Guidelines

UNESCO Bangkok would like to ask representatives of the State-Parties to the Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education (the AP Convention) as well as Observers to submit a draft Country Report prior to the 12th Regional Committee Meeting to be held on 21-23 May in Bangkok, Thailand. The Country Report should cover the trends and issues of recognition of foreign degrees and challenges encountered in ratifying the AP Convention. Please use 5-10 pages and let the following key questions guide your report:

1. How does the higher education (HE) system function in your country? (Please give a brief overview and explanation.)
2. How does your country recognise foreign qualifications? (Please specify legislations and competent authorities with regards to the recognition of qualifications in HE.)
3. Does your country have criteria and procedures for the assessment and recognition of foreign qualifications? (If so, please explain briefly.)
4. What are the issues and challenges in regards to the recognition of foreign qualifications?
5. Has any progress been made in the ratification process of the revised AP Convention?
6. Is your country ready to upload relevant information onto the UNESCO managed web-portals, such as the ‘UNESCO Portal to Recognised Higher Education Institutions’ and ‘APARNET’? (The information to be uploaded includes names and contacts of competent authorities, the list of recognised higher education institutes (HEIs) and other related information on the HE system and recognition practices in your country.
7. Does your country have any plans to designate an organisation to function as a National Information Centre (NIC) in higher education as required in the AP Convention? (As stipulated in Article VIII.3 of the Convention, each party shall take adequate measures for the development and maintenance of a NIC that will provide higher education information. The form of the NIC may vary.)

At the Meeting, we would like each country representative and observer to share a summary of their draft Report in the form of a 10-minute long presentation. Please note the following:

1. You may use a slide presentation during your presentation. Please note that the presentation may not take longer than 10 minutes. If you want to make use of slides, please limit your presentation to a maximum of 10 slides.
2. Please send you draft Report to Mr Jin hyung KIM and Ms Sofia Strandberg (jh.kim@unesco.org and s.strandberg@unesco.org) no later than 16 May 2012.
3. Please note that, due to the short time given to prepare the Report, you will be able to review and resubmit your final report after the meeting, before it is uploaded onto the UNESCO website.

For your reference, country reports presented at previous Committee Meetings can be accessed on the UNESCO Bangkok Higher Education webpage: http://www.unescobkk.org/education/higher-education/promotion-of-academic-mobility/11th-session-of-the-regional-committee/

and on APARNET: http://www.aparnet.org/country_reports.htm#2012

More information about the UNESCO Portal to Recognised Higher Education Institutions can be found here: http://www.unesco.org/new/?id=41180