International Conference of States for the Adoption of the Revised Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific

PANEL:
Implementation and Transparency Tools for the Revised Convention

Tokyo, 26 November 2011
Issues raised in plenary

- Difference between Signature and Ratification
- Refugees and Displaced Persons
- Substantial Differences
- Qualifications through non traditional modes of delivery
- Diploma Supplement
- Role of National Information Centres
- Comparability of HE systems and Quality of HEIs
- Access to reliable and transparent information
Objectives of the Panel

Improve future implementation of the Convention by:

- Sharing examples of ratification and implementation at national level, based on examples from South-East Asia
- Reviewing implementation mechanisms of the new Convention, based on examples from Europe
- Examining the UNESCO Portal to Recognized Higher Education Institutions as a transparency tool for the new Convention
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RATIFICATION PROCEDURES AND IMPLEMENTATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL:
SOME EXAMPLES FROM SOUTH-EAST ASIA
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IMPLEMENTATION ARMS OF THE CONVENTION:
EXAMPLES AND CHALLENGES FROM EUROPE
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UNESCO PORTAL TO RECOGNIZED HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: ACCESS TO RELIABLE AND TRANSPARENT INFORMATION
After Tokyo: what next?
Current Bureau of the Regional Recognition Convention

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NEW 2011 CONVENTION

- The Revised 2011 Convention will enter into force one month after the 5\textsuperscript{th} Party from Asia-Pacific deposits its instrument of acceptance.
Overview of the Portal

http://www.unesco.org/education/portal/hed-institutions
Questions for discussion

- Challenges and practices in national ratification and implementation processes
- How to strengthen the APARNET by linking national information bodies into an operational recognition network?
- UNESCO Portal to Recognized Higher Education Institutions: what role can it play in the implementation process?
THANK YOU

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