**IN FOCUS**

**UNESCO Institute for Statistics publishes Global Education Digest 2009**

The 2009 Global Education Digest (GED) provides special focus on the analysis of emerging global trends in tertiary education, presenting the latest education statistics from primary to tertiary education levels for more than 200 countries.

This edition highlights the rising demand for higher education, how many attain tertiary qualifications, in which fields of education, an international student mobility.

Data are provide for the school year ending in 2007 or the latest year available, as well as for 2008 for a small number of countries.

The cross-nationally comparable education indicators presented in this report help assess progress towards Education for All and Millennium Development Goals. [Read more](#)

**LATEST NEWS**

**Asia and Pacific Education Database launched by UNICEF and UNESCO**

Government and policymakers given tool for evidence-based planning.

**The right to education compromised in Pakistan**

More than 500,000 children forced out of school.

**The Philippines institutionalizes mother tongue-based multilingual education**

MLE is a fundamental educational policy and programme for the Philippines.

**UNESCO Literacy Prize 2009 winners announced**

An international jury awards innovative literacy projects in India, Burkina Faso, Afghanistan and the Philippines.

**The Class of 2015 launch 1 Goal website to mobilize world leaders’ support**

1 Goal focuses on ending poverty through providing education for all (Millennium Development Goals 2 and 8).

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RESOURCES

UNESCO Policy Brief on Early Childhood (No.46/ Apr-Jun 09)
Inclusion of Children with Disabilities: The Early Childhood Imperative - With almost universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the growing adoption of the CRPD, UNESCO’s policy brief on early childhood holds duty bearers at all levels accountable to ensure that all girls and boys with disabilities have access to life-long learning. Children with disabilities comprise one-third of the 77 million out-of-school children.

Gender and Governance - Cutting Edge Pack from BRIDGE
BRIDGE’s pack on Gender and Governance offers an overview report outlining key issues on gender and governance, a supporting resources collection of summaries of key texts, tools, case studies and contacts of organizations, and a Gender and Development in Brief newsletter. Visit the BRIDGE website for more information.

Report on Education in Emergencies in South Asia
The Centre for International Education and Research (CIER), School of Education, University of Birmingham, UK and UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA) offer a report on reducing the risks facing vulnerable children.

UNGEI - an EFA Flagship
United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (East Asia and the Pacific)

East Asia and Pacific UNGEI Newsletter
The first issue of the East Asia and Pacific UNGEI Newsletter.

Striving Towards Justice: Transforming the Dynamics of Human Interaction

Concept Note: Gender Advocacy Workshop
Organized by UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO) in cooperation with and support from the UNGEI Working Group, this workshop will take place from 8-11 September 2009. It aims to support national efforts to ensure gender equity and equality in education met through targeted and effective and efficient programmes.
EVENTS
Call for Early Childhood Development Articles for the Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC) Newsletter No.2
Deadline: 28 August 2009
Location: Global
More info

International Literacy Day
Date: 8 September 2009
Location: Global

Workshop on Evidence-based Advocacy for Gender Equity and Equality in Education
Date: 8-11 September 2009
Location: Bangkok, Thailand

ARNEC Photo Contest 2009
Deadline: 13 September 2009
Location: Global
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