IN FOCUS

South Asian countries propose policies to ensure delivery of quality education
High-level education officials from South Asian countries recommended policies and action areas aimed at improving progress in meeting the Education for All (EFA) goals. The recommendations were made at the UNESCO-organized South Asia EFA Mid-Term Policy Review held in Kathmandu from 16 to 19 June 2008.

LATEST NEWS

Launched: South Asian Forum for Education Development
Forum to foster policy dialogues to reduce poverty through Quality Education for All.

ILO launches Asia-Pacific Knowledge Network on Youth Employment
The International Labour Organization (ILO) has launched the Asia-Pacific Knowledge Network on Youth Employment (APYouthNet) with aims to connect youth employment experts from across the region.

Right to Education 2008 Report by UN Special Rapporteur released
A recent report released this month by UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, Mr. Vernor Munoz, focuses on education in emergencies. Issues related to education in emergencies are introduced and assessment is made on the consequences that emergencies have on education.

UNGEI combats child labour through improvement of education access
Asia Pacific is home to 122 million child labourers – the largest number of working children in the world. Out of 75 million children in the world, 27 million children of primary school age in this region, are not enrolled in school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• National workshop on Improving Teacher Effectiveness for Quality Education
  Date: 28 July - 2 August
  Location: Honiara, Solomon Islands

PUBLICATIONS

Girls Count: A Global Investment and Action Agenda
International Center for Research on Women, USA (2008) - A report about why and how to put girls at the center of development.

By Plan International (2008) - the report focuses on girls living in the shadow of war.
A View Inside Primary Schools - A World Education Indicators (WEI) cross-national study
UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) publish new findings on primary school.

Spotlight EFA - Journalist Handbook (Thai version)
Tips, story ideas and strategies on education reporting. Available in English and Thai languages. Laotian version coming soon!

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