IN FOCUS

Education for All (EFA) Global Monitoring Report 2009 to launch in Asia and Pacific
The Asia and Pacific launch of the 2009 Education for All (EFA) Global Monitoring Report will take place on 11 December 2008 at the 4th Teachers’ World Day in Thailand and the 12th UNESCO-APEID International Conference. A two-hour panel discussion will also take place. Themes of the 2009 Report are governance, financing and management of education.

LATEST NEWS

First Lady of United States of America hosts White House Symposium on Literacy
Education ministers, high-ranking representatives and First Ladies underscore how literacy builds a strong foundation for freedom.

Sri Lanka launches its EFA Mid-Decade Assessment Report
The launch of Sri Lanka's Education for All Mid-Decade Assessment Report 2008 took place on 29 August 2008 in Colombo, under the patronage of A.D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Education. Poor quality of education an island-wide issue.

Fiji second country in the Pacific region to publish the National EFA Mid-Decade Assessment Report
Fiji’s Education for All (EFA) Mid-Decade Assessment Report highlights quality of education as a growing concern and an area that must be improved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Global Perspectives on Teacher Learning: Improving Policy and Practice
  Date: 8 September to 3 October 2008
  Location: Online – Virtual Discussion Forum

• UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) ISCED Training Workshop (hosted by the Government of India)
  Date: 22 – 26 September 2008
  Location: New Delhi, India

• Culture and Development: Benchmarking Impact and Progress – Asia – Pacific Consultation on a New Framework for Culture Statistics
  Date: 14 – 17 October 2008
  Location: Bangkok, Thailand
PUBLICATIONS

A Gendered Assessment of the Brain Drain
This paper extends on the Docquier-Marfouk data set, both of whom have provided estimates of emigration stocks and rates by educational attainment. New sources, homogenize definitions of what a migrant is and computation of gender-disaggregated indicators of the brain drain are used.

Planning for successful alternative schooling: a possible route to Education for All
Produced by the International Institute for Educational Planning, UNESCO (2008), the document proposes new, alternative programmes to traditional schooling in order to facilitate the achievement of Education for All (EFA).

INEE Guidance Notes on Teacher Compensation in Fragile States, Situations of Displacement and Post-Crisis Recovery
The document addresses the challenge to quality education and provides a suggested framework for teacher compensation.

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