



**Regional Technical Feedback Workshop on the
National EFA 2015 Reviews in Asia-Pacific
29-30 April 2014
Bangkok, Thailand**

AGENDA

Day 1 – Tuesday, 29 April 2014, Rainbow Room, 5th Floor, Imperial Queen’s Park Hotel

OPENING

Objectives: To set the agenda, objectives and expectations of the workshop; to provide a regional framing of the national EFA 2015 reviews

Expected Results: Participants acknowledge and understand the objectives and expectations of the workshop, and the position and reach of the national EFA 2015 reviews in connection to ongoing and future global and regional activities.

8:00	Registration
8:30	Opening Remarks Gwang-Jo Kim , Director, UNESCO Bangkok – Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education Isiye Ndombi , Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF EAPRO (East Asia and Pacific Regional Office)
9:00	Agenda/Objective Setting: National EFA 2015 Reviews in Asia-Pacific/Regional Framing and Expectations Min Bista , UNESCO Bangkok

9:30	Introduction of Participants
<p>Session A: Expert feedback and recommendations on the first draft of the national EFA report (based on reviews of national reports, presentations will include key highlights, strengths and weaknesses)</p> <p>Objective: To provide insights and findings of the review process and the draft reports; and enhance countries' capacity to improve national EFA reports</p> <p>Expected Results: Regional-level achievements and challenges of the national EFA 2015 reviews shared; technical feedback on all aspects of draft reports provided; steps to improving the national EFA reports identified</p>	
9:40	<p>Moderator: <i>Min Bista, UNESCO Bangkok</i></p> <p>The overall scope and organization of the national EFA reports</p> <p>Presenter: <i>Min Bista, UNESCO Bangkok</i></p>
10:00	<p>The quantitative analysis of the national EFA reports</p> <p>Presenter: <i>Bertrand Tchatchoua, UNESCO Institute for Statistics/UNESCO Bangkok</i></p>
10:20	Coffee Break
10:50	<p>The policy review of EFA progress</p> <p>Presenter: <i>Gwang-Chol Chang, UNESCO Bangkok</i></p>
11:10	<p>Setting the agenda of education post-2015</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Ushio Miura/Gwang-Chol Chang, UNESCO Bangkok</i> <i>Jim Ackers, UNICEF EAPRO</i></p>

11:30	EFA Reviews from the CSO perspective Presenter: Cecilia Soriano, ASPBAE
11:40	Q&A and summing up
12:00	Lunch – Parkview Restaurant, Ground Floor
<p>Session B: Country Experience – Achievements, Challenges, and Lessons of the National EFA 2015 Reviews</p> <p>Objective: To enhance countries’ understanding of the review process and the capacity to improve national EFA reports</p> <p>Expected Results: Country-level achievements and challenges of the national EFA 2015 reviews shared; technical feedback on all aspects of draft reports provided; steps to improving the national EFA reports identified</p>	
13:00	<p>Chair: Jim Ackers, UNICEF EAPRO</p> <p>Six countries at different stages of development and representing various sub-regions will present their achievements, challenges and lessons learned from the national EFA 2015 review and the preparation of the report. The presentations will address the overall organization and process of the review as well as issues relating to data, policies, and enabling and constraining factors, specific to an EFA goal. Each country will have up to 12 minutes for the presentation. Presentations will address the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall organization and process of the review and report preparation 2. Issues relating to data, indicators, data analysis, policy analysis, and enabling/constraining factors, specific to an EFA goal (to be assigned) 3. Lessons learned from the EFA review process, usefulness of UNESCO tools and materials from other regional resources, and next steps <p>After each country presentation, a panel of experts will provide feedback and recommendations.</p>

Country presentations

1. Fiji (ECCE)

Panel of Experts: Chemba Raghavan (UNICEF EAPRO); Mami Umayahara (UNESCO); Bertrand Tchatchoua (UIS)

2. Bangladesh (UPE)

Panel of Experts: Leotes Helin (UNICEF ROSA); Tanvir Muntasim (ActionAid); Aurelie Acoca (UIS)

3. Myanmar (Life Skills and Lifelong Learning)

Panel of Experts: Gwang-Chol Chang/Cheol-Hee Kim (UNESCO); Devashish Dutta (UNICEF EAPRO); Nyi Nyi Thaung (UNESCO HQ)

4. Indonesia (Literacy)

Panel of Experts: Kiichi Oyasu (UNESCO); Cecilia Soriano (ASPBAE); Roshan Bajracharya (UIS)

5. Nepal (Gender Equality in Education)

Panel of Experts: Divya Lata (Plan); Alisher Umarov (UNESCO); Bertrand Tchatchoua (UIS)

6. Republic of Korea (Quality of Education)

Panel of Experts: Ramya Vivekanandan and Ushio Miura (UNESCO); Shailendra Sigdel (UIS)

15:30

Coffee Break

SESSION C: Breakout 1 – Peer Learning: Improving the national EFA reports

Countries will be grouped according to sub-regions. Countries will share their EFA review experience, including achievements and challenges. The facilitator will present the key sub-regional findings and participants discuss what steps can be taken for themselves and for their peers.

Objective: To share and exchange country experiences in carrying out the review and preparing the national EFA reports

Expected Results: Achievements and challenges of the national EFA 2015 reviews shared; steps to improving the national EFA reports identified

16:00

Breakout Session

Rapporteurs: TBD

Sub-regional Grouping

1. **Central Asia:** Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan
2. **East Asia:** China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Republic of Korea
3. **South and West Asia:** Afghanistan, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan
4. **South Asia:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka
5. **South East Asia 1:** Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Viet Nam
6. **South East Asia 2:** Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand
7. **Pacific:** Cook Islands, Fiji, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Tuvalu

Facilitators for each sub-regional group

1. **Central Asia Group:** Lina Benete, Bakhtiyor Namazov and Aigul Khalafova, UNESCO
2. **East Asia Group:** Miki Nozawa, UNESCO, Jane Davies, UNICEF Myanmar
3. **South and West Asia Group:** Shailendra Sigdel, UIS, Tap Raj Pant, UNESCO
4. **South Asia Group:** Leotes Helin, UNICEF ROSA, Alisher Umarov, UNESCO
5. **South East Asia Group 1:** Roshan Bajracharya, UIS/UNESCO Bangkok, Santosh Khatri, UNESCO
6. **South East Asia Group 2:** Satoko Yano, Aurélie Acoca, UIS/UNESCO Bangkok and Nur Anuar Abdul Muthalib, UNICEF Malaysia
7. **Pacific Group:** Toshiyuki Matsumoto, Susan Vize, UNESCO

	<p><u>The following materials will be provided to group facilitators</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brief narrative summary of feedback by country (general comments) 2. Questions to facilitate discussions (guidelines) <p>Expected Output: Key steps to improving the national EFA reports</p>
17:00	<p>Moderator: <i>Gwang-Chol Chang/Satoko Yano, UNESCO Bangkok</i></p> <p>Plenary/Q&A</p>
17:30	<p>Recap of Day 1</p> <p><i>Min Bista</i> <i>UNESCO Bangkok</i></p>
18:30	<p>Welcome Reception (Cocktail)/ Publication Launch: Learning to Live Together – Queen’s Park 3, 2nd Floor</p>

Day 2 – Wednesday, 30 April 2014, Rainbow Room, 5th Floor, Imperial Queen’s Park Hotel

8:00	Registration
8:30	Announcements <i>UNESCO Bangkok</i>
<p>SESSION D: Breakout 2 – Deconstructing the EFA-land report chapter by chapter</p> <p>Objective: To critically examine each chapter of the EFA-land report; assess how to improve the chapter under study; identify key areas for improvement.</p> <p>Expected Results: Insights for improving national EFA reports developed; specific actions to be taken agreed upon</p>	

9:00	<p>Participants will divide into five working groups. Countries will sign-up for a group that is organized by component (chapter). Each group will review a chapter of the EFA-land Review report and provide feedback towards the improvement of the respective chapter in a Powerpoint presentation format. Guidelines and guiding questions will be circulated to facilitate discussions. One of the country reports will be used for in-depth review by peers. Permission has been granted by the country.</p> <p>Rapporteurs: TBD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Group 1 - Chapter 1 EFA-Land: Introduction, pp.1-7</u> Facilitators: Chemba Raghavan; Santosh Khatri 2. <u>Group 2 - Chapter 2: Tracking Progress (EFA Goal 1-3), pp. 8-28</u> Facilitators: Bertrand Tchatchoua; Roshan Bajracharya 3. <u>Group 3 Chapter 2: Tracking Progress (EFA Goal 4-6), pp. 29-48</u> Facilitator: Nyi Nyi Thaung; Shailendra Sigdel 4. <u>Group 4 - Chapter 3: Review of EFA Strategies and Sector Management, pp.49-60</u> Facilitators: Gwang-Chol Chang; Tap Raj Pant 5. <u>Group 5 – Chapters 4 and 5: Emerging Challenges and Government Priorities; Post-2015; Conclusions and Recommendations, pp.60-67</u> Facilitators: Ushio Miura; Leotes Helin <p>Additional groups may be created to bring perspectives from other countries.</p>
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	<p>Moderator: <i>Rene Raya, ASPBAE</i></p> <p>Plenary</p>
12:00	Lunch – Parkview Restaurant, Ground Floor

SESSION E: Bilateral Meetings – One-on-one consultations on the draft national EFA reports

Objective: To provide the opportunity for countries to consult EFA partners on their draft national EFA report.

Expected Results: Questions and concerns on specific areas of the national EFA report addressed; concrete areas for improvement identified.

13:00	14:30-15:30 Coffee Break	Experts will be available to provide advice and feedback on quantitative and qualitative issues (data, indicators, organization of the report, policies, post-2015, etc.). Each country will sign up for the appropriate session(s) and meet one-on-one with UNESCO, UNICEF and EFA partners for feedback/recommendations and consultations on their draft national EFA report. Duration: 15-20 minutes/session.
16:00		Wrap Up of bilateral meetings <i>Bertrand Tchatchoua</i> <i>UIS/UNESCO Bangkok</i>
16:30		Next steps and post-2015 <i>Min Bista</i> <i>UNESCO Bangkok</i>
17:00		Closing <i>Gwang-Jo Kim, UNESCO Bangkok</i> <i>Jim Ackers, UNICEF EAPRO</i>