**UN Literacy Decade (2003-2012)**
- Broader vision of literacy
- ‘literacy as the heart of EFA’
- EFA Goals 3, 4 & 6 and developing a literate environment
- Priority groups:
  - Non-literate youth and adults
  - Out-of school children & youth, esp. girls
  - Children in school without access to quality learning
- Key action areas
  - Developing policy environment
  - Programme modality: use of literacy, motivation, FE-NFE
  - Capacity building
  - Research
  - Community participation
  - Monitoring and evaluation

**UN Literacy Decade (2003-2012)**
- International, regional and national launches in 2003-04:
  - Advocacy
    - UNESCO – JICA Symposium (Oct 04)
    - Progress report 2004 (to be ready in mid-June 05)
    - UNLD Video
    - Promotion kit including posters and postcards
  - Establishing a regional resource team to assist countries in implementing UNLD
    - A strategy development meeting (July 2005, Tokyo)
    - Provide countries with technical assistance to implement literacy related activities.

**UN Literacy Decade: Regional Resource Teams**
Existing regional networks working in literacy:
- APPEAL Resource and Training Consortium (ARTC)
- ACCU – LRC
- ASPBAE
- Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL)
- Christian Blind Mission (CBM)

The profile, key issues and contact details are in the UNLD progress report.

**Literacy Initiative for Empowerment (LIFE)**
Within EFA and UNLD, contribute to achieving EFA goal 4, targeting 33 countries with high illiteracy rate and large illiterate population.

Asia and the Pacific (9): Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea

2005: preparatory phase – country profile, selection of 1st group, needs assessment, action plans

2006 – 2015: implementation phase and commencement of 2nd and 3rd group – UNLD resource team may provide technical assistance.