What is NEQMAP?

The Network on Education Quality Monitoring in the Asia-Pacific (NEQMAP), established in March 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand, is a platform for exchange of knowledge, experience and expertise on the monitoring of educational quality in countries and jurisdictions of the Asia-Pacific region. The network focuses on student learning assessment as a key tool for monitoring education quality, while acknowledging the importance of maintaining strong linkages with other enablers of learning in classrooms including curriculum and pedagogy. UNESCO’s Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO Bangkok) serves as the NEQMAP Secretariat.

What do we do?

Activities of the network comprise capacity development, research and knowledge sharing among network members and other relevant stakeholders, including the following types of activities:

### CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
- Training workshops
- Technical support
- Study visits
- Expert advice

### RESEARCH
- Comparative studies
- Mapping studies
- Case studies
- Topical research
- Policy briefs

### KNOWLEDGE SHARING
- Online knowledge portal
- Network meetings
- E-discussions
What are we doing in 2014–2016?

The highlights:

1. Organization of capacity development workshops on large-scale learning assessment and related topics at national as well as regional levels
2. Regional as well as topical research on how the results of learning assessments are used and their impact on policy and practice
3. Regional mapping on existing policies, programmes and instruments for monitoring educational quality
4. Comparative studies on assessment of transversal competencies ("21st century" skills) and school-based assessment
5. Establishment of a knowledge portal on student learning assessment in the region

Why should you join NEQMAP?

NEQMAP members include Ministries of Education, assessment and evaluation bodies, universities, research centres, NGOs, foundations, regional and sub-regional organizations, from all parts of the Asia-Pacific region. Organizations outside of the region and individuals may also join as Associate Members.

Members benefit from knowledge and information sharing around the themes of learning assessment, curriculum and pedagogy. In addition, they are regularly invited to participate in the network’s research activities, training workshops, annual meetings and other events.
How do you join NEQMAP?

Membership to the network is free and open to all, based on the following criteria:

**Member refers to:**

- An organization/institution based in Asia-Pacific region whose mandate and activities are strongly related to quality of education, specifically learning assessment, curriculum and/or pedagogy

**Associate Member refers to:**

- An organization/institution based outside Asia-Pacific region whose mandate and activities are strongly related to quality of education, specifically learning assessment, curriculum and/or pedagogy
- An individual expert based either in or outside Asia-Pacific region who has extensive professional experience or expertise in the area of learning assessment, curriculum and/or pedagogy

To join NEQMAP, please submit the following documents to: neqmap@unesco.org.

**Organization/institution (Member or Associate Member):**

- Membership application form (available on the website or from the Secretariat)
- An endorsement letter by the appropriate authority (e.g. Head of Institution/Organization/Association)

**Individual (Associate Member):**

- Membership application form (available on the website or from the Secretariat).
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Resume
- A letter of expression of interest

Membership application is considered successful with approval by a simple majority of the NEQMAP Steering Group.