Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization
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a chartered regional intergovernmental organization established in Bangkok on 30 November 1965
SEAMEO Purpose:

To promote cooperation among Southeast Asian nations through education, science and culture to further respect for justice, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms which are the birthrights of the peoples of the world.
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SEAMEO Milestones

1965

SEAMEO was established following the meeting among Southeast Asian Ministers of Education and the Special Adviser to the President of the United States
SEAMEO Member Countries

Brunei Darussalam (1984)
Cambodia (1971)
Indonesia (1965)
Lao PDR (1965)
Malaysia (1965)
Myanmar (1998)
Philippines (1965)
Singapore (1965)
Thailand (1965)
Timor-Leste (2006)
Vietnam (1992)
SEAMEO Associate Members

Australia (1973)  
Canada (1988)  
France (1973)  
Germany (1990)  
Netherlands (1993)  
New Zealand (1974)  
Norway (2005)  
Spain (2007)

SEAMEO Affiliate Member

International Council for Open and Distance Education (1999)
11 Specialised Regional Centres

- CHAT
- SPAFA
- RIHED
- INNOTECH
- RETRAC
- SEARCA
- RECSAM
- VOCTECH
- RELC
- SEAMOLEC
- BIOTROP

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Tropmed Network

Network (with 4 centres) on tropical medicine and public health

TROPMED Thailand

TROPMED Malaysia

TROPMED Indonesia

TROPMED Philippines
SEAMEO Secretariat
SEAMEO Services

- Research
- Training and Human Resource Development
- Information Dissemination and Networking
- Technical Assistance and Consultancy
- Forum for Policy Dialogue and Regional Cooperation
- Other services
7 Priority Areas

- Quality and equity of access to education
- Preventive health education
- Culture and traditions
- Information and communications technology
- Language
- Poverty alleviation
- Agriculture and natural resources
The SEAMEO Process

SEAMEO Council Conference (SEAMEC)

- Forum for discussion of policy and regional initiatives
- Sets directions for programmes and projects of SEAMEO and its units
- Reviews programmes and activities of the organization

March/April
Centre Directors Meeting (CDM)

July/August

- Strategic planning for implementation of the SEAMEO Council resolutions
- Forum for coordination of programme actions and operations of SEAMEO units
The SEAMEO Process

Centre Governing Board Meetings (GBMs)

August-September

- Review performance (operations and fund use) of centres/network
- Review centre’s plans and programmes
- Approve new projects, plans/programmes and staff appointments
The SEAMEO Process

SEAMEO High Officials Meeting (HOM)

- Preparatory meeting for the SEAMEO Council Conference
- Reviews programmes and operations of SEAMEO units
- Sets agenda and issues for discussion in the SEAMEO Council Conference

November/December
Organizational Structure

- The current organizational structure of the SEAMEO Secretariat was approved by the 42nd SEAMEO Council in 2007.

- The Director to be the Chief Administrative Officer and the Legal Representative of the Organization.
The Secretariat composed of two main departments:
- Programme and Development
- Administration and Communication

Deputy Directors
- Deputy Director (Programme and Development)
- Deputy Director (Administration and Communication)
SEAMEO selected projects/programmes
1. Workshop to “Reach the Unreached in ASEAN”

1.1. The 3rd ASED Meeting (2008) cited the need to focus on helping attain Education for All (EFA) by 2015.

1.2. To ensure greater and sustainable collaboration between SEAMEO and UNESCO.
1. Workshop to “Reach the Unreached in ASEAN”

1.3. The directive of SEAMEO Council President as expressed in his speech at SEAMEO RELC (April 2008)

1.4. SEAMEO Secretariat to organize a workshop on EFA in coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat and UNESCO Bangkok in early September 2008
2.1. Recommendations of the 43rd SEAMEO Council:

• Focus on process, strategies and methodologies

• Presentation of the good functioning models on the use of mother tongue as a bridge language of instruction
2. World Bank Project update: “Mother Tongue as Bridge Language of Instruction”

2.2. Actions:

- Proposal for additional WB funds for a Workshop in January 2009 to disseminate the project results and select good models.
- Presentation of the Phase 2 Proposal to the 44th SEAMEO Council.
3.1. The 43rd SEAMEO Council approved the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between SEAMEO and UN HABITAT for future collaboration on Human-Valued Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Education (HVWSHE)
3.2. Upcoming activities:

- Workshop on Developing a Toolkit on 30 July-1 August 2008
- The Secretariat to prepare a project proposal for 2nd phase
- Project duration: 3 years starting from January 2009
- Total amount of UN HABITAT funding: USD 350 000
4. ICT in Education Survey in SEAMEO countries

In 42\textsuperscript{nd} SEAMEC Conference, the Council suggested a regional survey on ICT integration in education:

I. The Secretariat to lead the conduct of the survey

II. The initiative is called “\textit{ICT Integration in Education: Policies and Practices in Southeast Asia}”
4. ICT in Education Survey in SEAMEO countries

iii. The Secretariat requested assistance of SEAMEO VOCTECH to conduct the survey

iv. Questionnaires to be dispatched to SEAMEO Member Countries by the 2nd week of July
Thank you