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APMED2030 to Develop Roadmap for Implementation of Education 2030 in Asia-Pacific

Asia-Pacific Meeting on Education 2030 to mark first step in coordinating regional action toward Sustainable Development Goal 4 on ‘inclusive and equitable’ education

BANGKOK, 24 NOVEMBER, 2015 – In September of this year, the international community agreed to the bold and transformative vision of education for the year 2030 outlined in Sustainable Development Goal 4, which calls on all countries to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”

It’s an agenda that has tremendous potential to reshape education throughout the region; however, the question remains: How will this goal be realized in Asia-Pacific and what will the roles and responsibilities be of all involved in education and development – from civil society organizations, UN agencies and intergovernmental organizations through to the highest levels of education policy planning?

Unpacking Education 2030 and what will be required to achieve it in the region is the goal of the upcoming Asia-Pacific Meeting on Education 2030 (APMED2030). As the agency entrusted to coordinate efforts to pursue this vision, UNESCO, in collaboration with partners, is organizing APMED2030 to prepare member states for the implementation of the Education 2030 agenda in Asia-Pacific.

WHAT: Asia-Pacific Meeting on Education 2030 (APMED2030)

WHEN: 25-27 November 2015

WHO: Over 200 participants from 40 countries will be joining in this high-level event, including education ministers and ministry representatives, civil society organizations focused on education, development partners, UN agency representatives, donors and researchers.

Opening remarks will be delivered by Gwang-Jo Kim, Director, UNESCO Bangkok and Daniel Toole, Regional Director, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO). Assoc. Prof. Kamjorn Tatiyakavee, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Thailand will deliver the welcome speech. APMED2030 is organized by UNESCO Bangkok, the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO) and UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA).

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The agenda for APMED2030 is attached. For more, please visit: http://goo.gl/fF5Knn
SOCIAL MEDIA:

We encourage everyone to share their thoughts on the global education agenda and what needs to happen to make it a reality in Asia-Pacific on social media by using the hashtag #APMED2030. @UNESCO_AsiaPac will be tweeting prior to and during APMED2030 and we welcome any retweets.

Here are some tweets we will be sharing throughout the week. We encourage all interested to RT or to post separately to stir the discussion on this pivotal meeting for regional education:

#APMED2030 to Develop Roadmap to Implement #Education2030 in Asia-Pacific http://goo.gl/VDO3GO @UNICEF_AsiaPac @UNICEFRosa @UNESCOstat

#Education2030 can transform education in #AsiaPacific. #APMED2030 to discuss how we begin unpacking its key goals http://goo.gl/VDO3GO

#APMED2030: High-level meeting to draw roadmap to equitable & #InclusiveEducation in #AsiaPacific http://goo.gl/VDO3GO #SDGs

#SDG 4 outlines transformative vision for #Education2030. How will this goal be realized in #AsiaPacific? #APMED2030 http://goo.gl/VDO3GO

How can govts, CSOs, UN agencies & education sector collaborate on #Education2030 goals? #APMED2030 1st step forward http://goo.gl/VDO3GO

#APMED2030: Developing roadmap for equitable, #InclusiveEducation & #LifeLongLearning 4 all by 2030 in #AsiaPacific http://goo.gl/VDO3GO

What are the practical realities of achieving #Education2030 goals in #AsiaPacific? #APMED2030 to discuss http://goo.gl/VDO3GO

#SDG 4 outlines transformative vision of #Education2030. #APMED2030 will set agenda for achieving it in #AsiaPacific http://goo.gl/VDO3GO