

South Asia Regional Conference
**USING LARGE-SCALE ASSESSMENTS
TO IMPROVE TEACHING AND LEARNING**

April 25-27, 2018

Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

CONFERENCE AGENDA



Day 1: 25 April 2018

(Venue: Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre)

08:00-09:00 AM **Registration & Tea/Coffee**

Welcome and Introduction to the Conference

- Sangeeta Dey, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank

09:05-10:30 AM **Inaugural Session**

Opening Remarks by Session Chair: *Strengthening Assessments, The World Bank Experience*

- Keiko Miwa, Director, Education Global Practice, World Bank

Opening Remarks by World Bank India: *The Need for Regional Networking in South Asia*

- Junaid Ahmad, Country Director, World Bank India

Keynote Address: *The Role of Assessments in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal for Education*

- Silvia Montoya, Director, UNESCO Institute for Statistics

Moderated Discussion and Concluding Remarks by Session Chair

10:30-10:45 AM **Tea/Coffee Break**

10:45-01:05 PM **Session 1: Using Data from International and Regional Assessments to Improve Teaching and Learning**

Opening Remarks by Session Co-Chairs

- Atishi Marlena, Educationist and Former Adviser to Dy. Chief Minister, Government of Delhi & Shabnam Sinha, Lead Education Specialist, World Bank

Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)

- Andreas Schleicher, Director, Education and Skills and Special Advisor on Education Policy to Secretary-General, OECD

Trends in International Math and Science Study (TIMSS) and Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS)

- Dirk Hastedt, Executive Director of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement

Latin-American Laboratory for the Assessment of the Quality of Education (LLECE)

- Ernesto Trevino, University of Chile & Moritz Bilagher, UNESCO

Panel Discussion moderated by Session Co-Chairs

Concluding Remarks by Session Co-Chairs

01:00-02:00 PM **Lunch**

02:00-05:30 PM **Session 2: Large-Scale Assessment Practices in South Asian Countries**

Opening Remarks by Session Co-Chairs

- Manuel Cardoso, Learning Specialist, UNICEF HQ & Saurav Dev Bhatta, Senior Economist, World Bank

South Asian Country Presentations: Use of Large-Scale Assessment Findings
(10 minutes each)

1. Afghanistan
2. Bangladesh
3. Bhutan
4. India
5. Maldives
6. Nepal
7. Pakistan
8. Sri Lanka

- Moderated Discussion by Session Co-Chairs

Group Discussion and Mock Debate: 'Cross-national assessments provide better information than national assessments to guide improvements in teaching and learning'

- Moderated by Marguerite Clarke, Senior Education Specialist & Namrata Tognatta, Education Specialist, World Bank

04:25-04:35 PM **Tea/Coffee Break**

Overview of Learning Outcomes in the South Asia Region

- Tara Beteille, Senior Economist & Marguerite Clarke, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank

Moderated Discussion and Closing Remarks by Session Co-Chairs

07:00-09:00 PM **Networking Dinner at Long Champ, Taj Mahal Hotel, 1, Mansingh Road**

Day 2: 26 April 2018

(Venue: Juniper, Tamarind, Marigold, Jacaranda II, India Habitat Centre)

09.00-09.10 AM **Overview of the Day**

- Namrata Tognatta, Education Specialist, World Bank

09.10-11.05 AM **Session 3: Designing Effective National Assessment Systems**
(Venue: Juniper, India Habitat Centre)

Opening Remarks by Session Chair

- Urmila Sarkar, Regional Education Adviser, Regional Office for South Asia, UNICEF

Effective National Assessment Systems

- Marguerite Clarke, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank

Country Experiences in Setting-up National Assessment Systems:

1. **Vietnam**
2. **Chile**
3. **Indonesia**

- Vietnam - Michael Crawford, Lead Education Specialist, World Bank

- Chile - Ernesto Trevino, University of Chile

- Indonesia - Ibu Rahmawati, Centre for Educational Assessment, Government of Indonesia

Moderated Discussion and Closing Remarks by Session Chair

11.00-11.15 AM **Tea/Coffee Break**

11.15-12.15 PM **Session 4: Global Indicators for Student Learning**
(Venue: Juniper, India Habitat Centre)

Opening Remarks by Session Chair

- Sigy Thomas Vaidhyan, Director, NITI Aayog

Global Indicators for Student Learning

- Shailendra Sigdel, Statistical Cluster Advisor, UIS-UNESCO & Marguerite Clarke, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank

Moderated Discussion and Concluding Remarks by Session Chair

12.15-01.15 PM **Lunch**

01.15-02.20 PM **Session 5: Citizen-led Assessments**
(Venue: Juniper, India Habitat Centre)

Opening Remarks by Session Chair

- Euphrates Efosi Wose, Head of Education, UNICEF India Country Office

Citizen-led Assessments

- Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) - Rukmini Banerji, Chief Executive Officer, Pratham Education Foundation

Moderated Discussion and Closing Remarks by Session Chair

02.20-02.30 PM **Break**

02.30-05.15 PM **Session 6: Designing and Implementing Large-Scale Assessments: Technical Break-Out Sessions**

Break-Out Session I: Large-Scale Assessments in Practice
(Venue: Tamarind, India Habitat Centre)

Large-Scale Assessments in Practice: Lessons Learned from Implementation in South Asia

- Sarah Richardson, Research Director, Australian Council for Educational Research, India
- Pranav Kothari, Vice President, Large-Scale Education Programs, Educational Initiatives

Break-Out Session II: Reporting, Analysis and Use of Assessment Data
(Venue: Jacaranda II, India Habitat Centre)

Reporting, Analysis and Use of Assessment Data

- Fernando Cartwright, Chief Executive Officer, Polymetrika

Break-Out Session III: Item and Test Development
(Venue: Juniper, India Habitat Centre)

Item and Test Development

- Vyjayanthi Sankar, Founder & Executive Director, Centre for the Science of Student Learning

Break-Out Session IV: Setting Performance Standards
(Venue: Marigold, India Habitat Centre)

Setting Performance Standards

- Jeaniene Spink, Research Director, Australian Council for Educational Research, Melbourne

Day 3: 27 April 2018

(Venue: Juniper, India Habitat Centre)

09:00-09:10 AM **Overview of the Day**

- Namrata Tognatta, Education Specialist, World Bank

09.10-11.20 AM **Session 7: Non-Cognitive Skills and Teaching of 21st Century Skills**

Opening Remarks by Session Chair

- Marguerite Clarke, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank

Non-Cognitive Skills and Teaching of 21st Century Skills

- Esther Care, Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development, Center for Universal Education
- With reflections by Dirk Hastedt, Executive Director, IEA & Tue Halgreen, Senior Project Manager, OECD

Closing Remarks by Session Chair

11.20-11.35 AM **Tea/Coffee Break**

11.35-01.00 PM **Session 8: Moving Forward**

Opening Remarks by Session Chair

- Sangeeta Dey, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank

Initiatives in Capacity Building for Large-Scale Assessments and Future Platforms for Support

1. UNICEF; 2. GPE; 3. UNESCO; 4. World Bank

- UNICEF - Urmila Sarkar, Regional Education Adviser, South Asia, UNICEF
- GPE - Ramya Vivekanandan, Senior Education Specialist, Global Partnership for Education
- UNESCO - Moritz Bilagher, UNESCO-Bangkok
- World Bank - Marguerite Clarke, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank

Moderated Discussion and Closing Remarks by Session Chair

01.00-01.20 PM **Session 9: Concluding Session**

Closing Remarks

- Keiko Miwa, Director, Education Global Practice World Bank

Wrap-Up and Vote of Thanks

- Namrata Tognatta, Education Specialist, World Bank

01.20 PM onwards **Lunch**