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**