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Future Education For All (EFA) Process:

As a follow up of the Global Education for All Meeting (GEM) and the run-up to the Korea Conference, regional EFA consultations are underway. A series of regional meetings have been taking place or are planned:

- The Asia Pacific Regional Education Conference (APREC) was held in Bangkok on 6-8th August; a strong advocacy push from ASPBAE led to the development of a strong Bangkok Statement, including – for example – targets on domestic financing for education - as the input from the region into the World Education Conference in Korea. You can read the detailed report from ASPBAE and a blog from one of the participants.
- The Latin America and Caribbean Conference took place in Lima, Peru for 30-31 October 2014, with participation by CLADE and members: this produced arguably an even stronger statement. Final report is available here.
- The African Region consultation will be in Kigali, 9-10 February, 2015.
- The Pan-European and North America Region consultation in Paris has been delayed from December to (provisionally) 19-20 February 2015
- The Arab Region consultation will take place in January/February 2015 (location tbc).

Two additional critical steps on the path towards the World Education Forum in Korea have been the CCNGO and EFA Steering Committee meetings in Paris. The notes from Camilla Croso, GCE President, who attended both meetings, have been attached to this email. These provide critical insights into the ongoing processes and thinking on the Post 2015 EFA process. The next EFA Steering Committee meeting is planned for February; we will contact members nearer the time, and consult through the GCE online discussion group. You can join this here: http://discussions.campaignforeducation.org

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Process

In September, UN held a two day UNGA High-Level Stocktaking Event on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the subsequent 69th Session was devoted to the issue. The UN General Assembly Session was accompanied by a series of side events related to education, including a side event organized by GCE (report available here). During the week, Korea pledged a contribution to the GPE, as well as increased commitments from Denmark and Norway.

The UN has decided that the Open Working Group report will serve as the main basis of the Post 2015 agenda. The UNSG’s Synthesis report has been delayed until December but is at this time not anticipated to include new versions of the goals and targets.

The roadmap between now and finalization of the SDG agenda in September 2015 has become clearer. Kenya and Ireland will be leading the Post 2015 negotiations process. Other relevant processes are
described [here](#). The Beyond 2015 site provides an updated [calendar](#) for the upcoming events and processes that can be tapped into for pushing our agenda.

## Data and indicators

Beyond the overall frameworks, the issue of data and measurement becomes crucial, and will determine how the setting of the goals impacts actual policy and practice. A foundational requirement is transparency; GCE joined civil society partners from more than 50 countries and 15 international NGOs, in [signing onto a letter](#) calling on the UNSG to include transparency, participation, and accountability at the heart of the post-2015 development framework.

In terms of data, the UNSG has appointed an [Independent Expert Advisory Group on the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development](#). GCE responded to its quick consultations rounds, and calling for indicators on equity and drawing attention to the specific challenges of gathering data in education – including the need to avoid high-stakes testing, as well as the need to build on existing national processes for gathering school-level data. The final ‘data revolution’ report is [here](#).

The Technical Advisory Group – which is advising in particular the EFA Korea process on data and indicators – has opened a consultation until mid-January, online [here](#). GCE is attending a GMR / TAG consultation meeting in Paris in early December, and will update members with a more detailed briefing after that.

## Other resources:

GCE will continue to send updates on these and related processes – including the TAG consultation and the 2015 Financing For Development Conference – in the coming months; all will be updated on our [website](#).