

Themes for Discussion

Four Sessions

The discussion will be divided into four sessions based on sub themes:

Session 1

Theme: National RTE Perspectives

- The current status of RTE in each province with reference to policies designed and ground realities (sensitive to gender, geography and class)
- The process of law formation, rules and implementation in each province (with reference to sector plans)
- What has worked and how to address the challenges
- Recommendations and proposed solutions to meet the challenges

Session 2

Theme: Status and Implementation in other countries – challenges

- RTE in South Asia and challenges faced by the region with reference to quality and learning outcomes –(ideas /initiatives on resources for quality will be very welcome)
- Initiatives that can be replicated in the region
- Possibilities for regional collaboration in information sharing, capacity building and policy engagement

Session 3

Theme: Partnerships and Private Sector in RTE Implementation – addressing quality and equity

- What is the scope and terms of engagement with private partners to meet RTE quality and equity
- Challenges of partnerships and “free ” places in the private sector
- Recommendations for partnerships in RTE with reference to ‘free and compulsory education’-

Session 4

Theme: RTE and Implications for Post 2015 Development Agenda – Voices from South Asia & Development Partners

In each panel recommendations will be solicited on implications of RTE with respect to quality, equity and resources (embedded in gender challenges) as well as the post 2015 education goals in context of South Asia.

A Seminar & Policy Discussion
“Right to Education – Perspectives from South Asia”
 January 17th, 2014- Islamabad

Time: 8:45 am-4:00 pm

Kahkeshan Hall, Serena Hotel, Islamabad Pakistan

Program

Session	Session Title	Panel	Moderator	Duration
Registration				8:45-9:15
Opening & Welcome Address				9:15-9:30
Session 1	National RTE Perspectives	1. Prof. Muhammad Rafique Tahir – CADD - ICT 2. Dr. Fazlullah Pechuho, ACS - Education and Literacy Department (E&LD) Sindh 3. Ghulam Ali Baloch, Secretary Education Balochistan 4. Mr. Abdul Jabbar Shaheen, Secretary Schools Education Dept (SED) Punjab 5. Secretary Elementary & Secondary Education Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa	Chair: Mr. Ahmed Bakhsh Lehri Federal Secretary Ministry Education, Trainings & Standards in Higher Education Moderator Musharraf Zaidi – (AlifAilaan)	9:30 - 10:45
Tea Break				10:45-11:05
Session 2	Status and Implementation in other countries – challenges Quality(teachers - learning)	1) Dr. Parth Shah-CCS & Ranajit Battacharrya-Pratham India 2) Dr. Manzoor Ahmed- BRAC University 3) Mr Kamal Pokharel, Director, Department of Education, Nepal 4) Ms Razia Stanikzai Senior Manager pre service at MoE teacher general education directorate- Afghanistan	Chair: Qazi Azmat Isa (PPAF)	11: 05 12: 20

Session 3	RTE: Partnerships and Private Sector- scope & on whose terms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr. Parth Shah – CCS 2) Dr. Manzoor Ahmed – BRAC University–IED 3) Dr. Faisal Bari (FOSI) 	Chair: Moderator Baela Raza Jamil (ITA)	12:20 - 1:30
Lunch & Prayers 1:30 -2:30				
Session 4	A Panel Discussion on RTE: New Directions for South Asia – informing the Post 2015 Development Goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ms. Sadiqa Salahuddin (Director-Indus Resource Centre) 2) Ms. Eupharates Gobina (UNICEF) 3) Mr. Shakeel Ahmad-UNDP. 4) Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata, UNESCO 5) Mr Kamal Pokharel, Director, Department of Education, Nepal. 6) Dr. Manzoor Ahmad (BRAC), Bangladesh, 7) Ms. Nargis Sultana (FOSI), 8) Mr. Saeed ul Hasan OXFAM 	Moderated by Ms. Zehra Arshad (PCE) & Baela Raza Jamil (ITA)	2:30 – 3:45
Chief Guest Concluding Remarks :Mr. Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education				3:45 :4:00
Vote of Thanks				
Tea				