



Draft Programme

**Economic and Social Council
2011 Annual Ministerial Review
Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific**

***“Education and the achievement of the
Millennium Development Goals”***

24 March 2011
Chonburi, Thailand

8:00 - 9:00

Registration

Opening Session

9:00 - 9:45

Welcome remarks:

H.E. Mr. Chinnaworn Boonyakiat, Minister of Education, Thailand

Opening remarks:

H.E. Mr. Abulkalam Abdul Momen, Vice-President, United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Mr. Thomas Stelzer, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Co-ordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Acting Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief of Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Presentation and setting the stage:

Dr. Gwang-Jo Kim, Director, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Bangkok, Thailand *"A Perspective on Progress towards the Education Goals in Asia and the Pacific"*

Session I: Education and Poverty reduction (MDG 1)

9:45 - 11:15

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Abulkalam Abdul Momen, Vice-President, United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Panellists:

Ms. Elizabeth King, Director of Education, Human Development Network, World Bank

Mr. Ashutosh Chadha, Director, Strategic Education Initiative, APAC region, Intel Asia Pacific

Dr. Jose Roberto Guevara, President, Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE)

Moderator:

Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

Open floor discussion

11:15 - 11:30

Coffee break

Session II: Education and Health (MDGs 4, 5 & 6)

11:30 - 13:00

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Chinnaworn Boonyakiat, Minister of Education, Thailand

Panelists:

H.E. Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, Minister of Education, Bangladesh

Dr. Wang Dinghua, Deputy Director, Basic Education, Ministry of Education, China

Mr. Milinda Rajapaksha, Coordinator, South Asia Regional Youth Network, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

Moderator:

Dr. Cliff Meyers, East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, UNICEF, Thailand

Open floor discussion

13:00 - 14:30

Luncheon hosted by the Government of Thailand

Keynote address by Mr. Kishore Singh, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education

Session III: Education and Sustainable Development (MDG 7)

14:30 - 16:00

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Aslam, Minister of Environment, Maldives

Panelists:

H.E. Mr. David Arore, Vice Minister of Education, Papua New Guinea

Mr. Katsuhide Kusahara, Former Chairperson of Education Committee for the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO

Ms. Camilla Croso, President, Global Campaign for Education

Moderator:

Mr. Mark Richmond, Director, Division for Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, UNESCO

Open floor discussion

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee break

Session IV: Key Policy Messages for the 2011 ECOSOC AMR

16:30 - 17:30

Chair:

Mr. Thomas Stelzer, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy
Co-ordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of
Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

Reports from Moderators, followed by discussion of proposed messages

Open floor discussion

Closing Statements

17:30 - 17:45

H.E. Mr. Abulkalam Abdul Momen, Vice-President, United Nations Economic
and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Mr. Qian Tang, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO

Dr. Cliff Meyers, East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, UNICEF, Thailand

H.E. Mr. Chinnaworn Boonyakiat, Minister of Education, Thailand

17:45

Meeting adjourns