

**Final Document of the start-up seminar of the CIS Region Network of Curriculum Developers as a Community of Practice “Towards the Implementation of a Global Network of Curriculum Developers in the CIS Region”  
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The participants of the start-up seminar of the CIS Region Network of Curriculum Developers as a Community of Practice after the presentation and discussion of the IBE Framework Document “A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE AS A GLOBAL NETWORK OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPERS” followed by the exchange of information on the challenges faced and resources available in the CIS region for strengthening this network agreed on the following:

1. The participants state that the systems of education in the CIS countries are currently undergoing processes of reforming, transformation and modernization. In these efforts the CIS countries are facing similar challenges and it is important to work together to meet these challenges taking into account each national system of educational traditions and individuality.
2. The participants agree that in the context of globalization and international integration it is important to coordinate the countries activities aimed at capacity building for curriculum development in the CIS region.
3. The participants fully support the CIS countries integration into the European and global educational community.
4. The participants acknowledge the important role of the IBE and other UNESCO institutions in these processes.
5. The participants believe that it is important to develop cooperation of curriculum developers both within the CIS region and globally.
6. The participants fully support the IBE in its efforts to initiate the establishment of the global, regional and national networks of curriculum developers as a Community of Practice for the purpose of curriculum development capacity building.
7. The participants adopt the following Program of Cooperation of the CIS Regional network as part of the Global Network of Curriculum Developers:
  - a. To develop a CIS database on organizations and individuals engaged in curriculum development with the purpose of their involvement in the Regional and Global networks of curriculum developers as a Community of Practice.
  - b. To initiate and support the exchange of information about innovative experiences of curriculum development in the CIS countries, available theoretical, methodological and educational resources that are of interest for the countries in the region and internationally, and also about the challenges the CIS countries are currently facing in the curriculum development.
  - c. To initiate joint projects aimed at curriculum development within the CIS Regional and also within the Global Network of Curriculum Developers as a Community of Practice.

- d. To develop approaches (matrixes) for comparative education studies on the issues of curriculum development in the CIS region.
- e. To start, develop and sustain the CIS Regional Community of Practice Network web page on the IBE UNESCO web site focused on curriculum development issues and to initiate the exchange of information on curriculum development with the CIS Executive Committee educational web site.
- f. To start the Russian language E-Forum on curriculum development issues in the CIS region.
- g. To develop the common glossary of terms and concepts on curriculum development issues and to make it available via the CIS Regional Community of Practice Network web page.
- h. To propose to the developers of the CIS Executive Committee data base on education to include the developed glossary in their web site database.
- i. To organize a Training for Trainers Seminar for the CIS Community of Practice Network on the exploration of the curriculum resources available at the IBE UNESCO such as the Asia-Pacific curriculum resources pack.
- j. To initiate regular translation into Russian of the IBE Newsletters Educational Innovations and information. To develop and publish the CIS regional inputs for the IBE Newsletters Educational Innovations and information.
- k. To translate into Russian major IBE UNESCO publications and documents on curriculum development issues.
- l. To provide the English speaking members of the CIS Regional Community of Practice Network with the IBE publications on curriculum development issues (in English)

8. The participants stress the importance of cooperation between the CIS Regional Community of Practice Network with the CIS Council on Education, Regional Bureaus of Education in Moscow and Alma-Ata, National UNESCO Commissions in the CIS countries.

9. The participants suggest:

- to the ministries of education of the CIS countries to include in the agenda of the upcoming XI Conference of CIS Ministers of Education the proposal to support the development of the CIS and Global Community of Practice networks of curriculum developers and to establish a CIS Regional Curriculum Development Resource Center at the National Institute of Education in Minsk, Belarus
- to the Belarus Ministry of Education to initiate the discussion of this proposal at the XI Conference of Ministers of Education and also to propose to the CIS ministers of Education to establish the CIS Permanent Committee on General Secondary Education.

10. The participants express their gratitude to the IBE UNESCO and National Institute of Education of Belarus Ministry of Education for the high quality of the organization of the start-up seminar of the CIS Region Network of Curriculum Developers as a Community of Practice "Towards the Implementation of a Global Network of Curriculum Developers in the CIS Region".