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**Early Childhood Care
and
Education Authority**



Association for the
Development of
Education in
Africa

**Working Group on Early
Childhood Development**

In partnership with:



Regional Multidisciplinary Centre of Excellence

**MAURITIUS AFRICA INITIATIVE ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT
(MAI)**

Within the BASIC EDUCATION IN AFRICA PROGRAMME (BEAP)

and the Plan of Action of the ADEA Working Group on ECD

Launching Workshop

22-25 March 2010, La Plantation Hotel Resort – BalACLava, Mauritius

ECCE/D laying the foundation of human development and life chances

Overall objectives

Convening of education and socio-human national stakeholders and development partners to:

- Advocate for political will and solicit the commitment of education and socio-human development stakeholders in the expansion and democratisation of ECCE/D aiming at equalizing life chances and promoting social inclusion;
- Share international experiences, information on new trends in inclusive education and multi-sectoral approaches towards Early Childhood Care and Education/Development focusing specifically on strategies equalizing life chances and promoting social inclusion, responding to learning and development needs of all children, by taking stock of achievements, good practices and identify challenges /bottlenecks in implementing policies and programmes;
- Review the status of provision of ECCE/D in Mauritius and in the region (Indian Ocean and Sub-Sahara Africa), with specific reference to inclusive education and multi-sectoral policies.
- Identify capacity development needs for inclusive, equitable and multi-sectoral ECCE/D aiming at equalizing life chances and promoting social inclusion, from policy planning and programming to implementation, monitoring and evaluation in Mauritius and the region;
- Activity planning for a) project of transforming Mauritius into a “Regional Centre of Excellence” or “Knowledge Hub” for ECCE/D capacity building within the BEAP and in line with the ADEA WG ECD plan of action; b) capacity building programme on ECCE/D policy making through South-South/North-South exchanges; for the period 2010-2011, with the financial commitment of development partners.

Expected outputs:

- Assessment report on ECCE/D capacity building needs in participants countries with specific reference to a) inclusive education and b) multi-sectorial strategic planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
- Road map on national/regional ECCE/D capacity building follow up programme with specific reference to a) inclusive education and b) multi-sectorial strategic planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
- Plan of action of the Mauritius-Africa Initiative/BEAP project focusing on a) the setting up of the Centre of Excellence on ECCE/D in Mauritius and b) capacity building exchange programme activities and timeframe. Partners’ financial and technical commitment, project management arrangements.

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday 22 March 2010		
Session 1 - Opening Ceremony and Introduction to Workshop's dynamics		
8:30-9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of participants 	Organizers
9:00-9:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening speech Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources Mauritius • Welcome address by the UN Resident Coordinator in Mauritius • Welcome address by the Director UNESCO Dar es Salaam Cluster Office • Key note speech by Director UNESCO BREDA 	Minister of Education, Culture and Human Resources Mauritius UN Resident Coordinator Mauritius UNESCO Director Dar es Salaam Cluster Office UNESCO Director BREDA
9:45-10:15 Coffee/Tea Break/Official photo		
10:15-10:45	<i>Introduction of participants, experts, partners and explanation of Workshop's Dynamics</i>	Organizers
10:45-11:30	<i>Key note address on "the MAI Paradigm Shift: ECCE/D laying the foundation for human development and equality in life chances"</i>	<i>Cyril Dalais (International Expert ECD and member of the Steering Committee ADEA WG ECD) Mr Trond Waage (International Expert on Child Rights)</i>
11:30-12:15	<i>Early Childhood Care and Education - Development: conceptual framework, challenges and new opportunities for Africa</i>	Rokhaya Diawara UNESCO BREDA ECD Programme Officer and ADEA WGECD
12:15-13:00 Lunch Break		
Session 2 – Mapping of ECCE/D in Mauritius and SS African Countries		

Chair: to be confirmed		
13:00–13:20	Presentation on the <i>Status of Early Childhood Care and Education in Mauritius: strengths and weaknesses</i> ; challenges and opportunities	Soonita Kistamah – Director of the ECCE Authority Mauritius
13:20 – 15:00	Panel 1 (Moderator P. Stansbery): the <i>Status of Early Childhood Care and Education: strengths and weaknesses</i> in Seychelles, Botswana, Comoros, Madagascar.... (4 countries max – 15-20 min max each for presentations) – Presentations by Countries
15:00-15:30	<i>Discussions</i>	Participants
15:30–15:45 Coffee/Tea Break		
15:45-16:45	Panel 2 (Moderator R. Diawara): the <i>Status of Early Childhood Care and Education: strengths and weaknesses</i> in Tanzania, Senegal.... (4 countries 15-20 min each) – Presentations by Countries
16:45-17:15	<i>Discussions</i>	Participants
17:15-17:30	Synthesis of discussions highlighting achievements and challenges in ECCE/D in participants countries.	Organizers
19:00-21:00 Cocktail offered by the RMCE – Cultural Event		
Tuesday 23 March 2010		
Session 3 – Mauritius-Africa Initiative/BEAP: Clarifying concepts and building consensus Chair : to be confirmed		
08:30–9:30	Presentation on “ <i>BEAP programme overview and challenges</i> ”: <i>inclusive education starting from early years as a way to equalize life chances, promote social inclusion and meet the individual learning needs – particular focus on curriculum development</i>	Renato Opperti UNESCO IBE - Coordinator-Programme Specialist/Capacity Building

<p>9:30-10:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision • Concept • Strategies • Challenges <p>Presentation on BEAP implementation experiences in selected countries (focus on ECD) (examples of 3 countries)</p>	<p>Florence Ssereo UNESCO HQ Education Sector- Education Programme specialist BEAP Focal Point</p> <p>Participants</p>
<p>10:00-10:30</p>	<p><i>Discussions</i></p>	
<p>10:30 -10:45 Coffee/Tea Break</p>		
<p>10:45-11:15</p>	<p>Presentation on “Africa’s Future, Africa’s Challenge: Early childhood care and development in sub-Saharan Africa” focusing on inter-sectoral approaches and pro-poor interventions</p>	<p>Marito Garcia World Bank Lead Economist, Africa Human Development Department</p>
<p>11:15-11:45</p>	<p>Presentation on the ADEA Working Group on ECD “<i>Inclusive Early Childhood Care and Development policies</i>”</p>	<p>Pablo Stansbery Save the Children US – Senior Director ECD</p>
<p>11:45-12:00</p>	<p>Presentation on the “<i>Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education in Africa (2006-2015)</i>”: ECCE/D training of teachers – capacity building for human resources</p>	<p>Rita Bissoonauth African Union Commission Senior Policy Officer Human Resources Science & Technology Department</p>
<p>12:00-12:30</p>	<p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Participants</p>
<p>12:30-13:30 Lunch</p>		
<p>13:30-14:00</p>	<p>Presentation on “<i>the Mauritius-Africa Initiative/BEAP: capacity building programme on Early Childhood Care, Development and Education with Mauritius as knowledge hub for</i></p>	<p>Christian Morabito (MAI Project Coordinator UNESCO-UNDP Mauritius)</p>

	<i>South-South cooperation”.</i>	
14:00-14:45	Working Groups on “ <i>Implementing inclusive and multi-sectoral ECCE/ D in the participant countries</i> ”: strengths/weaknesses, challenges, opportunities.	Participants
14:45-15:00 Coffee/ Tea Break		
15:00 – 16:00	Feedbacks from the Groups – Report	Organizers
16:00-17:00	Conceptual clarifications, articulating visions Inclusive education and inclusive curriculum	Renato Opperti
17:00-17:30	<i>Discussion</i>	Participants
17:30-18:00	Inclusive ECCE/D services and policies. Priorities areas for action	Marito Garcia
18:00-18:30	<i>Discussion</i>	Participants
Wednesday 24 March 2010		
Session 3 – Finalising the way forward: BEAP/MAI action plan 2010-2011 Chair : UNDP Mauritius		
9.30-12:00	Preparation of capacity building on ECCE/D national/regional road map - Report	Experts/ Facilitators Participants
10:30–10:45 Coffee/Tea Break		
12:00-13:00 Lunch		
13:00-15:00	Presentation of the National and Regional Road Maps - Report	Experts/ Facilitators Participants
15:00-16:00	Consolidated report on the regional road	Experts/Facilitators/Team

	map/plan of action for capacity building of policy makers and practitioners in ECCE/D - South-South cooperation – Mauritius “Knowledge Hub” Closing remarks by the Director ECCE/A Mauritius/Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources and UNESCO (<i>To be confirmed</i>)	leaders
15:00-16:00 Coffee/Tea Break		
16:00–16:30	Presentation and adoption of the regional plan of action for capacity building of policy makers and practitioners in ECCE/D - South-South cooperation – Mauritius “Knowledge Hub”	
16:30-18:00	1. ADEA WG Steering Committee Partners’ Meeting: working session on <i>“Planning and coordinating common intervention in ECCE/D in the region: the Mauritius-Africa Initiative/BEAP way forward”</i> : discussion of the action plan, financial and technical commitment from partners. 2. Technical Team Meeting: working session on <i>“Developing the Knowledge Hub/Centre of Excellence on ECCE/D in Mauritius – Setting up of an accreditation system for capacity building exchange programmes.</i>	Development Partners: UNDP MAU UNESCO BRED UNESCO DAR UNESCO HQ ECCE-A Save the Children World Bank AU UNICEF Madagascar International experts RMCE (Observer) International experts UNESCO HQ MIE IE TANZANIA
18:00-19:00	<i>Join meeting ADEAWG SC and Partners with Technical Team – consolidation of the way forward</i>	
Thursday 25 March 2010		
9:30–10:30	• Presentation of the MAI-BEAP to national stakeholders and cultural event at Rabindranath tagore Institute – Ilot d’Epinay Pamplémousse	ECCE/Authority Mauritius and National Institutions
10.30–12.30	Exposure to ECCE/D services in Mauritius:	

<p>12.30–13.30</p> <p>14:30-16:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the Mauritius Institute of Education, Mauritius Qualification Authority, Child Development Unit and NCC of Women Rights and Child Development, EAP, Prime Minister’s Office special programmes. <p>Lunch</p> <p>Field visit to the Regional ECCE-A Resource Center in Flacq - discussions</p> <p>MEDIA Coverage</p>	
<p>Good bye!!!</p>		