



Report
Meeting of the RCG4-WCA Steering Team
Regional Coordination Group on SDG4-Education 2030 in West and Central Africa
Reported by the Secretariat (UNESCO Dakar)

Date: 14 May 2018

Time: 14:00 - 15:00

Modalities: remote meeting via Skype and at UNESCO's Regional Office in Dakar

Participants

UNESCO Dakar: Gwang-Chol Chang (RCG4-WCA Chair)

ANCEFA: Teopista Mayanja Birungi

UNICEF WCARO: Nicolas Reuge

Secretariat: Catherine Collin, Chelsea Lavallee (UNESCO Dakar)

Absent: CAMES, FAWE and CONFEMEN

Meeting Objectives

In preparation for the next Plenary Group meeting scheduled for 16 May 2018, the RCG4-WCA Steering Team discussed the following points:

- 1) Validation of the Plenary Group Meeting Agenda
- 2) Discussion on PACE 2018
- 3) Discussion on the Peace Education Task Team
- 4) Discussion on the Composition of the Steering Team

1. Validation of the Plenary Group Meeting Agenda

The Chair reviewed the proposed Agenda drafted by the Secretariat. He proposed the addition of discussion on the composition of the Steering Team, as well as Task Team reporting.

UNICEF asked for clarification on the topic of the Peace Education task team and the Secretariat reminded participants that the topic was tabled in previous meetings and should be re-addressed due to continued partner interest and need to coordinate and collaborate in the region.

Participants agreed on the proposed changes to the agenda, which will be sent for final review to the Steering Team and then distributed to the Plenary group.

2. Discussion on PACE 2018 – Pan African High-Level Conference on Education 2018 – Nairobi, 25-27 April 2018

The Chair proposed a Steering Team member present the Nairobi Declaration and Call for Action so as to recap the outcomes from Nairobi with the group. UNESCO will give the presentation.

Attendees at the parallel sessions will be invited to share their takeaways and the group will discuss the way forward, especially in terms of partnership and continental and regional coordination.



3. Discussion on the Peace Education Task Team

The Chair shared feedback from regional partners regarding the need to form a coordination and information sharing mechanism devoted to Peace Education, particularly to avoid redundancy.

In the past, there was no clear choice of lead within the group. The OIF is a potential lead, but a UN agency should be appointed as a co-lead. UNICEF reported it is still unable to take the lead, and UNESCO indicated that meeting the capacity would be difficult but possible if necessary.

The Secretariat will confirm OIF-IFEF's participation in the upcoming Plenary meeting and ascertain their interest in leading the task team.

4. Discussion on the Composition of the Steering Team

The Chair reminded participants that the Steering Team is composed of five members, with ANCEFA and FAWE jointly representing civil society.

Now, almost two years since the Steering Team was formed, it is not very dynamic. Two years ago there were several organizations interested in joining the Steering Team but not enough seats.

The participants agreed that the question of changing organizational membership should be presented to and discussed within the Plenary group.