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E-9 Ministerial Meeting 2030, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 5-7 February 2017

E 9 Ministerial Meeting was held in Dhaka (5-7 February 2017) to discuss the global educational priorities and commitments (SDG: 2030- Goal 4: “Ensure Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All”) underpinning the need for a robust coordination mechanism.



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Bangladesh Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina

Inaugural Speech delivered by the Chief Guest, Sheikh Hasina, Honourable Prime Minister of the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh.

E 9 Forum came into being at the EFA Summit of the nine highly populated developing countries (Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Pakistan) in New Delhi, India in 1993



E 9 Chairmanship was formally handed over to the Government of Bangladesh



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In her inaugural speech, Bangladesh Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina emphasized the importance of E-9 platform and said, “The Era of SDGs we have stepped in makes it very timely and meaningful now to hold this E-9 Ministerial Meeting and align and integrate particularly SDG4 on education with our E-9 initiatives and strategies taking along the lessons and achievements of MDGs and EFA.”

The newly elected Chairperson for E-9, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid M.P. said that it is essential to take practical collaborative measures to achieve SDG4, support each other to facilitate reaching the goals and exchange knowledge and experiences. Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director General also stressed on collaboration and said that each E-9 country has a powerful story to tell, a story of development, a story of action essential for the success of the new 2030 agenda.



Bangladesh Prime Minister with Ministers and Heads of Delegation of E-9 countries, DG and ADG of UNESCO
(from left to right Mr. Qian Tang, UNESCO, Mr. Sh. Upendra Kushwaha, India, Prof. Anthony Gozie, Nigeria, Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur Rehman, Pakistan, Ms Irina Bokova, UNESCO, Honourable Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, Bangladesh, Advocate Mostafizur Rahman, Bangladesh, Ms Wanja Campos da Nobrega, Brazil, Dr. Totok Suprayitno, Indonesia, Mr. Li Xiaohong, China, Dr. El-Helali El-Sherbiny El-Helali, Egypt)

The Ministers and Heads of Delegations reiterated the importance of working together and to devise effective projects and programs that could support national education development efforts to enhance and to ensure quality education without discrimination. They also urged to use technology to promote quality education.

The Ministers and Heads of Delegations along with senior officials of E 9 countries discussed in details and agreed on a collective process to overcome them and prepared a draft Dhaka Declaration.

The Ministers and Heads of Delegations discussed the draft prepared in Senior Officials Meeting and after detailed discussion the Ministers adopted Dhaka Declaration which demonstrated strong commitment of the members and articulated a way forward.



Press briefing after the adoption of Dhaka Declaration

Highlights of Dhaka Declaration:

- Advance SDG4 and corresponding targets set within 'The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' and the 'Education 2030 Framework for Action' which serve as the overall Guiding Framework for Education development and enhancing lifelong learning opportunities in the coming few years.
- Initiate actions to formulate country-specific targets within the broader scope of the SDG4, taking into account past gains and achievements in the education sector, emerging national development priorities, availability of resources and institutional capacities; align national education legislation, policy priorities and planning processes with SDG4 targets and commitments; and build capacity at the national and sub national levels, as appropriate, for monitoring progress towards SDG4 and other SDGs as relevant.
- Promote greater relevance, visibility and impact of our cooperation and contribute meaningfully to the efforts aimed at advancing and monitoring progress towards the SDGs.
- Strengthen the E-9 partnership by putting in place a robust mechanism for promoting joint programmes /projects/ activities involving the following, and coordinated and led by a designated E-9 country.



Floral wreath given by the delegates



Bangladesh reintroduced



Cultural performance

Highlights of Dhaka Declaration:

- Put in place mechanisms to increase government funding for education, enhance its efficient use, and facilitate mobilization of domestic resources from both public and private sources. We strongly recommend reaching the internationally recognized benchmarks of at least 4 to 6 percent of gross domestic product and/or at least 15 to 20 percent of total public expenditure allocated to education, in line with the 2015 Incheon Declaration.
- Mobilize international and external financing from traditional and emerging public and private sources and engage more actively with global processes and mechanisms in order to ensure that education is prioritized within global financing processes including by the multilateral financial institutions.
- Institute measures to develop inclusive and responsive education systems to address the challenges we face from natural disasters, climate change, conflict, and other crises, based on our common experience in ensuring risk reduction in and through education.
- Engage with the development of global indicators through participation in the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG), and the Technical Cooperation Group (TCG) and the Global Alliance for Monitoring Learning (GAML), and other processes on data and monitoring coordinated by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS).



Meeting between Education Minister, BD & DG UNESCO



Meeting between Education Minister, BD & Minister India



Senior Officials' Meeting at Uthsab Hall