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Learning Metrics Task Force

Call for Applications: Implementation Working Group

Applications due February 18, 2013

The Learning Metrics Task Force (LMTF) is seeking technical experts to make recommendations for implementing measures of learning at the global, regional, and national levels. The working group will meet virtually from March 2013 through September 2013 to produce a draft outline of recommendations in April 2013, a working paper in July 2013, and a full report outlining their research and recommendations in August 2013. The group will base its recommendations on the competencies developed by the preceding working groups on Standards and Measures and Methods. Specific questions that the working group will address include:

- How can current international, regional, and cross-national assessments of learning be used to measure progress toward internationally agreed goals?
- How can additional systems or resources be scaled to measure learning at a global level?
- How can the recommendations of the task force inform efforts at the national, regional, and global levels to measure and improve learning?

Logistical support will be provided by the Brookings Institution Center for Universal Education and UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

Selection Criteria

The working group will be comprised of individuals from education ministries, universities, think tanks, NGOs, civil society organizations, teachers' organizations, and other relevant stakeholders. We are seeking working group members who have:

- Experience in developing, implementing, and/or using data from learning assessments at the national, regional, or global levels.
- Worked extensively on education issues in developing countries.
- Proven expertise in one or more of the following areas: education administration, national education policy, global education policy, education financing, monitoring and evaluation.

Responsibilities

Members of the working group will convene virtually to develop a set of recommendations to inform the deliberations of the Learning Metrics Task Force. The task force is comprised of national and regional governments, EFA-convening agencies, regional political bodies, civil society, and donor agencies, with balanced representation from the global north and south. Through a year-long process of consensus-building and consultation, the task force will develop recommendations for measuring

learning at the global level. Currently scheduled for release in September 2013, the final report from the task force will include:

- Recommendations for a set of learning competencies from early childhood through post-primary.
- Recommendations for how the competencies should be measured.
- Recommendations for how countries and regional and global organizations can implement these measures to improve learning opportunities and outcomes for children and youth.

To inform this process, each working group will:

- Review literature and current efforts to measure learning globally and within countries.
- Work within a short timeframe to develop a draft outline of recommendations, draft a working paper, and produce a final report of recommendations for implementation.
- Respond to issues and questions from the task force related to their working group topic.
- Agree to make recommendations in the interest of building consensus on measuring learning at the global level. In some cases, this might require putting aside the priorities of the member's own institution.
- Represent the work of the Learning Metrics Task Force and working groups within their organizations and spheres of influence.

Travel is not required for participation in the working group, and participation is voluntary—there will be no payment for participation.

The timeline for the **Implementation Working Group** is as follows:

Timeline	Activities
March 2013	Working group members selected
March – April 2013	Prepare draft recommendations for public consultation
April – June 2013	Phase 3 public consultation period
June – July 2013	Prepare working paper for July 2013 task force meeting
July 2013 – August 2013	Respond to questions and issues identified by task force; draft final report
August – September 2013	Finalize report based on task force feedback

Application Procedure

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in applying to participate in the Implementation Working Group, please email a letter of interest and current CV to learningmetrics@brookings.edu. **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through February 18, 2013,** and applicants will be notified of their status in March 2013.