From the VIII to the IX Ministerial – Panama to The Bahamas

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Main achievements 2015-2017



Building the Inter-American Education Agenda

Building Process of theInter- American Education Agenda







VIII Ministerial Meeting, 2015





"To work jointly and in accordance with domestic law to build an Inter-American Education Agenda"

"to guide inter-American cooperation on education over the next five years"

"According to the following existing mandates:

- 1) Quality, inclusive, and equitable education
- 2) Strengthening of the teaching profession
- 3) Comprehensive early childhood care."

Crosscutting elements:

- 1) Promotion of the teaching of STEM
- 2) Use of ICTs
- 3) Gender mainstreaming



VIII Ministerial Meeting, 2015





Authorities elected to develop the IEA:

WG1: Costa Rica (Chair), Mexico, Chile

WG2: Bolivia (Chair), El Salvador, Barbados

WG3: Dominican Rep.(Chair), Nicaragua,

Guatemala

CIE Chairs / Troika:

- Panama
- Colombia
- Antigua & Barbuda
- Bahamas

Planning Meeting for the Building of the Agenda



July 2015 – Cambridge, USA

Participants: Chairs and Vice-Chairs of 3 Working Groups and authorities of CIE.

Outcome:

 First draft of 3 work plans - Emphasizing strategies to identify and disseminate best practices. Include areas of emphasis.



Work Plan Consultation Process



From December 2015 to April 2016



Mechanism to enrich and ensure the work plans are representative of the different countries' education realities and specific to their priorities.



VII Regular CIE Meeting





Washington D.C. – April 28,29

Member States met to discuss Work Plans and elect new CIE authorities.

- WG Leaders committed to continue working on the WP and have a draft ready for consultation in August.
- Commitment to prepare a consolidated document to be discussed and presented at the Preparatory Meeting

Virtual consultation and Preparatory Meeting of 9IAMME

- Oct.26 28: Preparatory Meeting in Washington D.C.
 29 member states discussed and negotiated, paragraph by paragraph, the draft IEA and Declaration of The Bahamas
- Virtual Forum (open for 1 month) Prior to meeting for comments

Both documents enjoy broad consensus

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IEA is:

- A document envisioned, developed and owned by Ministries of Education
- A Broad regional consensus
- A Regional roadmap for cooperation in education

IEA's added value:

 It is a tool to support Ministries of Education in achieving the SDG / 2030 Agenda through cooperation among themselves.

Virtual Platform for Education Cooperation in the Americas





- •Main tool to advance in building the Agenda.
- •Database for the Ministries' resources and practices.

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- At the political and technical level Dialogues during Ministerials, including 9IAMME
- Agreement that greater coordination is essential to improve integration into labor market, particularly for vulnerable groups
- Current challenges in labor market, marked by rapid technological change, the 4th industrial revolution, joined with inequality, skills gap and difficult situation of youth put an additional pressure on the already urgent need to coordinate inter-sectoral policies.



- Inter-Sectoral Workshop on Youth Employment Brasilia – Dec.2016
- Groundbreaking: First workshop gathering officers from Ministries of Education and Labor at Hemispheric level
- Lessons learned and policy recommendations identified

A FERTILE GROUND



The last 2 years leave us with a fertile ground:

- The IEA represents a tremendous opportunity to strengthen cooperation and build alliances to ensure quality, inclusive and equitable education.
- Dialogue between ministries of education and labor has deepened and there are new ideas to move forward in this front.
- Partnerships with international organizations have been strengthened