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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Cross-national Assessments (CNA): Linking and Comparability

21-22 September 2017  
Hamburg, Germany

### 1. Preamble

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics has the mandate to “work with partners to develop new indicators, statistical approaches and monitoring tools to better assess progress across the targets related to UNESCO’s mandate, working in coordination with the Education 2030 Steering Committee.” In particular, as the custodian agency for SDG indicator 4.1.1, the UIS is coordinating development of methodologies and data reporting to ensure capturing provision of “equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes”.

This implies, among others, finding ways to link different assessment results and to report them in a globally comparable way. The UIS sees several options for these tasks and is seeking collaboration from various partners to collectively discuss and agree upon solutions to global comparability and reporting.

The dialogue was initiated during a meeting of the heads of cross-national assessments in June 2017. One of the outcomes of that meeting was a decision to convene a meeting of technical experts to discuss methodological issues related to global comparability.

In this context, the UIS is inviting **technical experts** from all regional and international assessments to meet and work out a roadmap to eventual linking assessments and reporting the results along the same scale.



## 2. Date and venue

The meeting will take place **on 21-22 September 2017 in Hamburg, Germany** and will be kindly hosted by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Assessment (IEA) at:

IEA Hamburg  
Conference Center  
Ueberseering 27  
22297 Hamburg – Germany

## 3. Meeting documents

The meeting agenda and background documents prepared by technical partners will be distributed to the participants in due course.

## 4. Meeting registration

Due to space limits, we can accept up to two participants per assessment/organization. Participants are asked to register at <https://goo.gl/forms/xb1RMotCZXudCrG22> prior to 15 August 2017.

## 5. Logistical arrangements

Participation in the meeting is free. During the meeting, coffee breaks and lunches will be provided.

The registered participants will receive information on recommended accommodation in Hamburg and will be expected to make their own booking arrangements.

Participants are responsible for making all the necessary arrangements to timely obtain documents and visas for their travel, if needed. Official invitation letters for visa purposes can be provided upon request. Visa requirements for travel to Germany can be checked at: <http://www.germany-visa.org/>

Participants are kindly requested to self-finance their travel expenses. The UIS, in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), will sponsor participation of one expert from each of the five regional assessment programs (PILNA, LLECE, SEA-PLM, SACMEQ, and PASEC).

Please note that in order to provide financial support, we need to receive the registration strictly prior to 15 August, as indicated above.

Should a programme wish to send a second expert, his/her travel expenses should be covered by the programme.

## 6. Contact information

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