Draft Terms of Reference
National Consultant to facilitate the National Consultations in the context of the United Nations Transforming Education Summit in Mauritius June 2022

Background

Recognizing the key role of education as the foundation for peace, tolerance, human rights and sustainable development, the UN Secretary-General will convene in September 2022 a Transforming Education Summit (TES) during the 77th UN General Assembly. The Summit seeks to mobilize political ambition, action, solutions and solidarity to transform education: to take stock of efforts to recover pandemic-related learning losses; to reimagine education systems for the world of today and tomorrow; and to revitalize national and global efforts to achieve SDG 4.

Achieving these objectives requires inclusive dialogues and meaningful engagement across the full set of stakeholders, particularly of young people, students, and teachers. In that respect, countries are encouraged to undertake an inclusive national consultation process in advance of the summit, aimed at developing a shared vision, commitment, and alignment of action to transform education between now and 2030. The national consultations are to focus on five thematic areas:
1. Inclusive, equitable, safe and healthy schools
2. Learning and skills for life, work and sustainable development
3. Digital learning and transformation
4. Teachers, teaching and the teaching profession
5. Financing of education

A Pre-Summit will be organized in Paris at the end of June 2022 to harness the evolving discussions and generate greater momentum in the lead up to September.

In Mauritius, the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology will act as the National Convenor for the Consultations for the Transforming Education Summit. Five groups will be set up to discuss each of the five thematic areas. A National Steering Committee will be set up to guide the process and prepare for the Pre-Summit in June 2022 and Summit in September 2022.

Objectives of the consultancy

The main objective of this consultancy is to support and facilitate:

i. the national consultations for the Transforming Education Summit; and

ii. the development of National Statements of Commitment to Transform Education in Mauritius

In that respect, a National Consultant would be hired to support the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology in this endeavour.
Key Tasks

- Prepare and facilitate the consultations on the 5 thematic groups to be conducted in a hybrid mode (Both face-to-face and virtually). This includes inter alia the preparation of the guiding questions and list of participants in consultation with the International Consultant and the facilitation of the discussion as well as ensuring the smooth running of the consultations.
- Prepare a summary report for each of the Thematic groups that sets out the overall expected result (i.e., desired changes and transformations), challenges, opportunities, and possible solutions.
- Prepare a comprehensive Report of the findings emerging from the national consultation process.
- Prepare and facilitate the validation of a final report of the national consultations on Transforming Education in Mauritius.
- Prepare a Succinct (2-3 pg) National Statement of Commitments that will capture the key areas of national commitment to action that emerged from the national consultations.
- Provide technical support the National Steering Committee.

Expected results

- National Consultations for the Transforming Education Summit are successfully carried out capturing national commitments and consensus on priority actions.
- National Consultation Report for the Summit is finalized and validated.
- Draft National Statement of Commitment for the Summit is validated.

Deliverables

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<td>1. Final Inception Report</td>
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<td>2. Preparation and Facilitation of the National Consultations through the 5 Thematic Groups</td>
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<td>3. 5 Thematic Consultative Reports</td>
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<td>4. Draft Report of the National Consultations</td>
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<td>5. Validated Final National Consultation Report</td>
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<td>6. Draft National Statement of Commitment for the Summit</td>
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All the deliverables will have to be validated and approved by the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology and the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office. This may involve several rounds of comments on Draft Reports and Documents.

Duration of the work

The assignment will be for a maximum of 20 working days from 15 July 2022 to 30 September 2022.
### Qualifications and Experience

**A. Qualifications**

Master's Degree (or equivalent) in
- Education, Social Sciences or related fields

**B. Experience**
- At least 5 years, (or in lieu of a master’s degree minimum 10 years) of relevant work experience in the Education Sector
- Experience in facilitating national meetings or workshops
- Very good knowledge of the educational context of Mauritius, its challenges and opportunities

**C. Competencies**

**Communication Skills**
- Excellent writing and analytical skills in English
- Ability to communicate and present ideas clearly

**Development and Operational Effectiveness**
- Experience in strategic planning, results-based management and reporting
- Consistently approaches work with energy and a positive, constructive attitude