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Report of Training on  
National Benchmarks for the SDG 4 indicators 2025 and 2030  
Technical Support by UNESCO, Dhaka.

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## **Background:**

As signatory of Education 2030 Framework for Action (Incheon Declaration), Bangladesh is committed to provide timely and regularly updated authentic data to UNESCO and UNESCO institute for Statistics (UIS) for progress monitoring and global and regional reporting. Linking to this commitment, Bangladesh needs to calculate national benchmarks values for seven key SDG4 indicators and send to UNESCO and UIS by 1st of October 2021. Aiming to set up a realistic benchmark for Bangladesh, BANBEIS has arranged this training workshop with technical support of UNESCO and UIS. Participants from Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education, Directorate of Primary Education (DPE), Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE), Bureau of Non-Formal Education (BNFE), Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), Directorate of Madrasah Education (DME), Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), Aspire to Innovate (a2i), Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS), Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU) and UNESCO were present in the workshop.

## **Workshop Schedule:**

\*22nd September 2021 at BANBEIS Conference Hall.

\* Virtual conference call (access provided)

## **Objectives:**

The key purpose of the meeting is to follow up the invitation from UNESCO ADG in establishing national benchmarks for the SDG 4 indicators and establish realistic national benchmarks for SDG 4 in Bangladesh aligning with its national policies and strategies. The specific objectives of the meeting are to:

- Update on Regional SDG 4 benchmarks indicators, methodologies, and data sources;
- Review of Bangladesh national policies, plans and strategies and the associated targets;
- Discuss on the process of setting up of national benchmark values;
- Complete the template to be submitted to UNESCO as a national voluntary contribution to the benchmarking process.

## **1. Welcome and Opening Session**

The program anchored by Uamma Nazaira Liza (Statistical Officer, BANBEIS). With the permission from chairperson Mr. Habibur Rahman, DG, BANBEIS, event formally started by the welcome address of head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh Ms. Beatrice Kaldun. She thanked all the honorable guests and participants for their commitment to set relevant and realistic benchmark for 2025 and 2030. She expressed that UNESCO and UIS will continue to provide the technical supports for setting realistic and relevant benchmark for Bangladesh.

Then Mr. Shailendra Sigdel, South Asia Statistical Adviser, UIS Presented his presentation on "Regional SDG 4 benchmarks indicators, methodologies, and data sources and process of establishing national benchmarks and completing the benchmarks templates".

After the presentation, honorable chief guest Mr. Md. Belayet Hossain Talukdar delivered his important speech. He mentioned our achievement in SDG progress and our honorable Prime Minister has awarded SDGs progress award from UN. He told that we did really good in MDG targets and being inspired from there we will do better in SDG. Our government is doing all its best in this regard. Resources are relative term, zeal is most important to achieve something. We also should try our level best to achieve the goal with our minimum resources what we have, he added.

He wished success of the program and thanked everybody to be present here.

After the chief guests speech Honorable chairperson of the workshop Mr. HabiburRahman, Director General of BANBEIS delivered his ending speech of first session. He mentioned important role of BANBEIS as an active member of TCG (Technical Co-operation Group) in finalizing the SDG 4 indicators and developing methodologies and data collection procedure. He requested all the related agencies to set the effective benchmark for SDG 4. He thanked UNESCO and UIS for their technical support in this regard. He thanked all the representatives for attending the workshop.

## **2. Technical Session:**

In this session, all participants were divided into four groups to discuss and fill up the template with the cordial technical support from Mr. ShailendraSigdel. They discussed among themselves and discussed about the data sources and benchmark values for the year of 2025 and 2030. Every group gave their presentation and their query to Mr. ShailendraSigdel.

## **3. Conclusion**

From the group presentation, all inputs have been accumulated and sent to Mr. ShailendraSigdel for his valuable feedback. It has been decided to share the document for the further updation and validation. Finally, on behalf of chair, Mr. Sheikh MdAlamgir, Chief Statistics thanked Mr. Shailendra for all his kind support as well as the participants for their hard work to make the training successful.

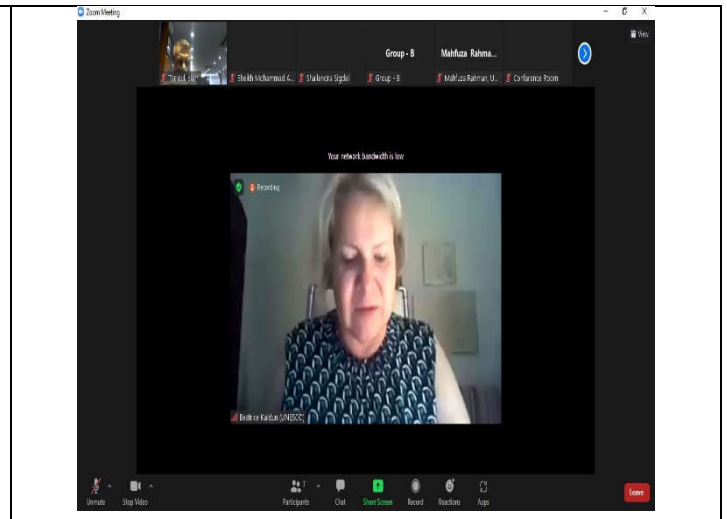
## Template of the Exercise:

### 1. National Benchmarks for the SDG 4 indicators (Annexure-01)

#### Moments in picture:



Chairperson Mr. Habibur Rahman, DG, BANBEIS and Chief Guest Mr. Md. Belayet Hossain Talukdar, Additional Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education



UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh Ms. Beatrice Kaldun



Shailendra Sigdel



Sheikh Mohammad Asifur

Mr. Shailendra Sigdel, South Asia  
Statistical Adviser

Chief Guest Mr. Md. Belayet Hossain  
Talukdar, Additional Secretary,  
Secondary and Higher Education  
Division



Chairperson Mr. Habibur Rahman, DG,  
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#### Further Readings:

- About SDG 4 - <http://uis.unesco.org/en/topic/sustainable-development-goal-4>
- Learning outcome : <http://uis.unesco.org/en/topic/learning-outcomes>
- Out of school children and youth: <http://uis.unesco.org/en/topic/out-school-children-and-youth>
- [www.unesco.org/education](http://www.unesco.org/education) for President
- Equity in Education : <http://uis.unesco.org/en/topic/equity-education>
- High Level Political Forum on SDGs - <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>
- Inter-Agency and Expert Group for SDG indicators - <http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>