



**ASPBAE - CCNGO Preparatory Meeting on the 2nd Asia Pacific Regional Education Ministers
Conference (APREMCII)
Virtual Consultation, 23 May 2022**

The 2nd Asia Pacific Regional Education Ministers Conference (APREMCII) on June 5-7, 2022 will be an important milestone in delivering commitments to the Sustainable Development Goal 4/Education 2030+ in Asia Pacific. It will be a ministerial and high-level meeting that will deliberate on the progress of and urgent actions towards “ensuring equitable, inclusive and quality education and promoting lifelong learning for all” in the region since the signing of Agenda 2030 in 2015.

The last ministerial conference in the region was the Asia Pacific Regional Education Conference (APREC) held in 2014 where more than 20 civil society organisations (CSOs) participated actively in crafting the post 2015 education agenda alongside Member States and other stakeholders. In the forthcoming APREMCII, it is crucial for CSOs to continue its advocacy on ensuring public provisioning of quality and inclusive education for all children, youth and adults.

Well before the pandemic, the Asia Pacific is not on track in its SDG 4 targets, especially in the agenda *Leave no one behind*. The shift to online and distance learning posed a multitude of obstacles that further impede the access to education of many, such as girls and women, learners with disabilities, underprivileged learners, learners from rural and remote areas, *Dalits*, adult learners, religious, ethnic, and linguistic minorities, migrants and refugees, LGBTQI learners, and other disadvantaged groups. Unless urgent and decisive actions are taken to drive the necessary changes in education that are in line with principles of inclusion, equity, gender transformation, and quality, the crisis will continue to lay bare and further magnify pre-existing inequities in education, leaving the most marginalised and vulnerable learners even further behind.

CSOs are at the forefront of education work with marginalised communities. The forthcoming APREMCII is an important advocacy juncture to put forward our good practices, analyses and recommendations towards sustainable and resilient public education systems that effectively address inequities and discrimination in education. Recognising CSOs as a partner in SDG 4, it has been given a speaking role in the plenary to present a CSO Statement.

In this regard, the Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE) is inviting its members as well as members of the Collective Consultation of NGOs for Education 2030+ to deliberate and build consensus on the key messages for the CSO Statement. On May 23, the virtual consultation will discuss key recommendations on three thematic areas of APREMCII namely:

- Learning recovery and addressing the learning crisis
- Transformation of education systems
- Increased and better investment in education and enablers in transformation

Another CSO preparatory meeting will be organised on June 4 to gather the CSO delegates invited to APREMCII and prepare for their interventions as guided by the CSO Statement.

CSO Preparatory Meeting
on the 2nd Asia Pacific Regional Education Ministers Conference (APREMCII)
 23 May 2022, Draft Programme

Philippine Time 1:00 - 1:10 PM	Welcome and Introduction (4 min)	Rasheda Choudhury, Executive Director, Campaign for Popular Education - Bangladesh Former CCNGO Representative for Asia (TBC)
1:10 - 1:25 PM	Overview of the APREMC II, Themes, and Updates (10 min)	Margarete Sachs- Israel, Chief of Section for Inclusive Quality Education, UNESCO Bangkok
1:25 - 1:40 PM	Discussion on the CSO Participation in APREMCII and Guide Questions for Breakout Session (10 min)	Cecilia (Thea) Soriano, Regional Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, ASPBAE
1:40 - 2:25 PM	Breakout Session- Discussion on the three thematic areas (40 min)	
	1. Achieving a deep transformation of education systems and building resilience (e.g., more flexible, more inclusive, resilient, more digital, more environmentally friendly and sustainable systems)	Facilitator: Susmita Choudhury, Capacity Support Adviser, ASPBAE Rapporteur: Nasibakhon Ganieva, National Coordinator, Alliance of CSOs in Tajikistan for Education (ACTE)
	2. Achieving learning recovery and, in the longer term, improving learning outcomes (addressing the learning crisis)	Facilitator: Lae Santiago, Research and Advocacy Officer, ASPBAE Rapporteur: Alve Berdan, National Coordinator, Civil Society Network for Education Reforms (E- Net Philippines)
	3. Achieving increased and better investment in education and enablers for transformation	Facilitator: Rene Raya, Lead Policy Analyst, ASPBAE Rapporteur: Tungalag Dondogdulam,

		National Coordinator, All for Education - Mongolia
2:25 - 2:50 PM	Plenary- Report Back and Open Forum (20 min)	Bernie Lovegrove, Regional Coordinator for Education Out Loud, ASPBAE
2:50 - 3:00 PM	Video on the Transforming Education Summit (TES) (8 min)	
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Next Steps and Closing (10 min)	ASPBAE