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September 16-17, 2014
Pearl Continental Hotel Karachi, Pakistan



Session	Theme of Session	Timings	Panelists
Registration – 9:00 - 9:30 am			
	Inaugural Moderator: Dr. Bernadette Dean, Director, VM Institute for Education (VMIE)	9:30-11:00	Tilawat Presided by the Chief Guest Dr. Fazalullah Pechuho Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh Welcome by Ms. Saba Mahmood, Chief Program Manager, Reform Support Unit, Education & Literacy Department (E&LD), Government of Sindh Key Note Speakers: Dr. Ghazala Rafique-Key Note Speaker, Interim Director Aga Khan University - Human Development Program, Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC) “ECE in Pakistan - Progress, Challenges and Prospects” Baela Raza Jamil – Coordinator SAFED/ Director Programs ITA “ARNEC’s Engagement on ECED in Post 2015 Development Agenda” Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest Dr. Fazalullah Pechuho, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Education & Literacy Department, Sindh
Tea break 11:00-11:30			
Session 1	Policy and RTE Status on Early Childhood Education Moderator: Amima Sayeed, Education Researcher & Zehra Arshad, Chairperson, Pakistan Coalition for Education (PCE) Chair: Muhammad Irfan Khan Jadoon, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, ICT	11:30-1:15	“ Status of ECE- RTE, Policy and Sector Plan- from Policy to Implementation” <u>All provinces and ICT</u> Sindh: Ms. Saba Mahmood Chief Program Manager, Reform Support Unit, E&LD Govt of Sindh “An intervention of Early Childhood Education in Sindh– From Policy to Implementation” Balochistan: Dr. Syed Kamaludin, Deputy Focal Person Capacity Building and Specialist ECED, Policy Planning & Implementation Unit (PPIU), Govt. of Balochistan Punjab: Mr. Muhammad Shahid Saleem, Deputy Director (Planning), Directorate of Staff Development “Status of teachers training on ECE” Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT): Professor Muhammad Rafique Tahir, Joint Secretary Education, Capital Administration Development Division (CADD) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Abid Ullah Kaka Khel, Director Education Sector Reform Unit (ESRU)/Deputy Secretary Education, Elementary and Secondary Education KP Bangladesh: Mr. Samir Nath Ranjan, Program Head, Educational Research Unit, BRAC Bangladesh “Comprehensive ECCD Policy in Bangladesh: evolution through GO-NGO Collaboration” Srilanka: Badra Padmakanthi Withanage, Director of Education, Ministry of Education Srilanka Nepal: Dr. Shanta Dixit, Director and Co-Founder of Rato Bangla School (RBS) “Nepal: The Test of Early Childhood Education”
Lunch Break: (1:00-2:00)			
Session 2	Curriculum and Standards Moderator: Ms. Rana Hussain SESSP Chair: Saba Mahmood, Chief Program Manager, Reform Support Unit, Education & Literacy Department (E&LD), Government of Sindh	2:00-3:30	Ms. Ambreena Ahmed, Assistant Director, Teacher Resource Center Ahmed “TRC story of the National ECE Curriculum 2002-2007” Ms. Nargis Sultana, Senior Education Advisor Open Society Foundations (OSF) Critical Thinking in Early Childhood Education & Development Abrar Shahwani, Project Coordinator, Save the Children “Assessments and research around Literacy Boost Program under Balochistan Education Program (BEP)” Tamsila Shah, Manager Child Development and Research, Save the Children “Synergies of ECCE projects with ECCE National Curriculum and ELDs” Sindh Curriculum and Standards Technical Working Group (TWG) Mr. Idrees Jatoi, Deputy Director, Bureau of Curriculum and Extension Wing, Government of Sindh “Role of Bureau of Curriculum for Implementation of Early Childhood Education in Sindh”

Tea Break: 3:30-3:45			
Session 3	Teachers Preparation (Pre and in-service) Moderator: Audrey D'Souza Juma Director, Notre Dame Institute of Education (NDIE) Chair: Dr. Samir Nath Ranjan – BRAC Bangladesh	3:45 - 5:15	Key Note: Teacher Preparation for ECED : Dr. Bernadette Dean, Director, Valy Mohamed Institute for Education (VMIE), Karachi <i>“Evolving Innovations: Developing quality professionals for the Early Years”</i> Dr. Shanta Dixit, Director and Co-Founder of Rato Bangala School (RBS) <i>“Training teachers to implement holistic lessons in the classroom”</i> Dr. Zaira Wahab, Head of Doctrol Program, Iqra University <i>“Teacher Attitudes, Biases, Stereotypes and Myths in ECD Classrooms”</i> Mr. Qamar Shahid, Director General Provincial Institute for Teacher's Education (PITE), Teacher Education Group <i>“Teacher Preparation for ECE in Sindh”</i>
Session 4	Formation of Groups and Key Announcements Facilitated by Ghulam Nabi, Senior Program Manager, Info and Incentives, RSU, E&LD, Govt. of Sindh and Amima Sayeed (PCE)	5:15 - 5:45	Five groups; Policy & RTE Status; Curriculum & Standards, Teachers preparation(pre ad in-service), Research & Assessment , Innovations: access, parenting & materials) Review Conference Draft
Dinner & Launch of Dubai Cares Program in Pakistan by Invitation 7:30 -9:30 pm – Ball Room B, Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi			



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Tea Break: 10:30-11:00			
Session 2	Innovations: Access, parenting and materials Moderator: Mr. Aziz Kabani, Managing Director, Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) Chair: Shanta Dixit, Director and Co-Founder of Rato Bangla School, Nepal	11:00-12:30	Sindh Education Foundation – Early Learning Program Sudeshna Sengupta, Senior Advocacy Manager, Mobile Creches – India <i>"Innovative Responses to Challenges on the Ground"</i> Mehnaz Aziz, Founding Director, Children's Global Network, Pakistan <i>"Innovations: Demand and Supply –A case of district level delivery"</i> Mr. Ghulam Nabi, Senior Program Manager, Info and Incentives, RSU, E&LD, Government of Sindh <i>"ECD/ECE in Pakistan - Possibilities and Priorities"</i> Sahar Saeed, Program Manager, ASER Pakistan, Pakistan /ITA <i>"Issues of Access & Learning in Early Childhood Education: Emerging Trends & Challenges from ASER Pakistan"</i>
Lunch Break: (12:30-1:30)			
Session 3	Group Work Facilitated by Moderators	1:30-4:00	Five groups to finalize recommendations and action steps for the Karachi consensus statement on ECED
Working Tea (during group work)			
Concluding Session	Moderator: Baela Raza Jamil, Director Programs ITA, Coordinator South Asia Forum for Education Development	4:30 - 5:30	Presided by the Chief Guest, Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Senior Minister for Education Sindh Special Guest – Rana Mashood Ahmed Khan, Minister of Law, Education and Youth and Sports Affairs and Tourism Govt. of Punjab Dr. Muhammad Memon, Hamid al-Din al-Kirmani Professor in Education, Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development (AKU-IED), <i>"From Policy to Action through Partnership"</i> Reflections from participants (Provinces and International) Karachi Declaration/Consensus on ECED & RTE in South Asia Address by the Chief Guest-Senior Minister for Education Nisar Ahmed Khuhro; Adoption of Karachi Declaration Vote of Thanks