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CUTS International Public Policy Centre (CIPPoIC)

In collaboration with

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Roundtable on

New Education Policy with focus on

**Measuring Quality Education and Role of States in charting out the future
of Pre-primary and School Education**

Monday, 21st September 2015

**CASUARINA Convention Hall, India Habitat Centre
Lodi Road, New Delhi**

Agenda

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| 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm | Registration |
| 2:15 am – 2:30 pm | Welcome address by Mr. Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International and Mr. Mitrasen Bhikajee, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Office, New Delhi |
| 2:30 am – 3:00 pm | Opening address (Confirmed)
Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development |
| | Key Note Address |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Anjela Taneja
Head of Policy, Global Campaign for Education (confirmed)• Ms. Anita Rampal
Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi (confirmed) |

Session 1

3:00 – 4:00

Measuring quality in school education

This session will mainly focus on data aspects, discussion on designing the measurable indicators and systemic reforms needed in order to establish an effective monitoring and evaluation system, better coordination between pre-primary education and school education to improve the quality education at school level and best practices that India can learn from International experience in designing indicators for quality education and measuring them?

S.NO	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	Status
1	Mr. Shailendra Sigdel, Statistical Adviser, South Asia, UNESCO	Presentation on designing measurable quality indicators and their monitoring and evaluation	Confirmed
2	Ms. Kiran Bhatta, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research and Coordinator and founding member of The Forum for Deliberations on Education (Chair)	Defining Quality Indicators or Norms and Standards in elementary education, in the context of the RTE Act	Confirmed
3.	Dr. Gunjan Sharma, Professor, Ambedkar University	Presentation on Pre-primary education in India and implications for quality indicators	Confirmed
4.	Ms. Vyjayanthi Sankar, Senior Consultant, Centre for Universal Education, Brookings Institution	Presentation on measuring learning to drive quality	Confirmed
5.	Ms. Anuradha De, Director, Collaborative Research and Dissemination	Presentation on gaps in data collection	Confirmed
6.	Dr. Pramod Kumar Anand, Consultant Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office, NITI Aayog	Presentation on potential indicators for quality	Confirmed

4:00 – 4:10 pm

Tea

Session 2

4:10 – 5:00 pm

Role of states in charting out the future of the education

The Government of India has accepted the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission to increase devolution of the untied funds from the divisible pool of resources to the states and in lieu has slashed funding for centrally sponsored schemes on education. For instance, with respect to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid Day Meal (MDM), the reduction is to the tune of 28.5% and 41% respectively compared to 2014-15 budget estimates. With respect to Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan budget allocation has been reduced by 57%. This signals that central government increasingly wants states to take ownership of developing education system as per their own needs. In other words this is a step in the direction of foster cooperative and competitive federalism.

In light of the above some of the pertinent questions are:

- What impact this reduction has on states and education systems?
- Will all states be able to finance the gap and how? How can ULBs and PRIs play an important part in this endeavour?
- What role can NITI Aayog play? What is the nature of technical assistance that states would need from a body like NITI Aayog?
- How to ensure states' competitiveness in education sector? Will a framework to compare states competitiveness in education make a difference? What lessons can be drawn from UNESCO's framework (International Standard Classification of Education) of comparing countries

S.NO	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	Status
1.	Mr. Tobias (Toby) Linden, Lead Education Specialist, The World Bank	Presentation on role of states in financing education	Confirmed
2.	Mr. Shailendra Sigdel, Statistical Adviser, South Asia, UNESCO (Chair)	Presentation on UNESCO's framework of comparing countries and lessons India can learn from it to foster state competitiveness in education sector	Confirmed
3.	Ms. Vyjayanthi Sankar, Senior Consultant, Centre for Universal Education, Brookings Institution	Presentation on Regional Education Assessment Framework for South Asia and lessons that India can learn from it to foster state competitiveness in education sector	Confirmed

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Q & A and intervention from the floor on above two sessions

6:00 pm

High Tea