Engaging National Commissions, in alignment with their Member States, towards the implementation of Agenda 2030 and of UNESCO’s Programme: challenges and opportunities

Examples of Collaborative Models of Cooperation for Supporting 2030 Agenda in the AP Region

The self-benefiting and south-south cooperation models

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UNESCO in UN system at the Country Level

UNESCO is unique due to its National Commissions

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The Self-benefiting Model

Key Drivers
- national science and technology plans
- linkage of research and development with economic growth
- project planning, implementing and evaluation
- use of human and natural-resource potential
- accelerated professional training at different levels
UNESCO-NatCom role in Self-benefiting Model

- Mobilization of expertise, knowledge platforms, and science expert networks that already exist for the development of new capacities
- Opening of additional channels of communication and cooperation in a sub-regional/regional context
- Enhancement of the multiplier effect of Science, Engineering Technology and Innovation (SETI) cooperation for accelerating sustainable development
The Government of Indonesia (GoI) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) signed an agreement on the Indonesia/UNESCO trust fund.

**Timelines**

- **2013**: Sign Fund Trust
- **2014**: Launching Project

- Building a Resilient Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra for Climate Change Mitigation and Biodiversity Conservation
- Ecological and Eco-hydrological Solutions for Sustainable Management in Indonesia and Asia Pacific Region

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South-South Culture Cooperation with Afghanistan
South-South Cooperation Model

- Involving two or more developing countries
- A means of promoting effective development by learning and sharing best practices and technology among developing countries (UNDP definition)
Malaysia-UNESCO Cooperation Programme (MUCP)

When?
6 Oct 2009
15 Nov 2011
5 Apr 2013

Where?
SIDS
Asia Pacific
Africa

MUCP supported projects in more than 70 countries
UNESCO Offices and Centres

Projects in total:

1st Cycle (2014)
- 7 UNESCO Offices and Centres
- 20 Projects

2nd Cycle (2016)
- 9 Projects

Focus Areas

1. Education
   - 13 projects
   - Education Reform
   - TVET
   - Values Education
   - STEM for Girls
   - ESD
   - Strengthening Education Leadership

2. Science
   - 6 projects
   - Science, Engineering & Technology
   - Water Security
   - Sustainability Science
   - Disaster Risk Management

3. Social & Human Science
   - 3 projects
   - Social Inclusion
   - Bioethics and Sustainability Science

4. Culture
   - 2 projects
   - Sustainable Tourism
   - Disaster Risk Reduction

5. Communication & Information
   - 2 projects
   - Saving Documentary
   - Strengthening Media Heritage (MOW)
   - Capacity (Post COP 21)

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South-South Cooperation on Standardizing Engineering Qualifications
Key Insights from Mid-Term MUCP Evaluation

- Assisted MS in networking and knowledge sharing
- Actively contributed to SDGs
- Strengthened South-South collaborative research
- Promoted bottom-up approaches i.e. public consultations

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Success Factors

1. Engagement of stakeholders in project development, implementation etc.
2. Identify critical gaps & Areas of interest
3. Align with current initiatives & needs of target country
4. Co-investment & in-kind / cash contribution
5. Mobilize wider UNESCO network of field offices
6. Increase involvement of NatCom with UNESCO HQ, Regional Offices and Institutes

Ensure ownership of results by the stakeholders.
IFIT and MUCP Contribution to SDGs

- **Quality Education**: 2 projects
- **Gender Equality**: 1 project
- **Clean Water and Sanitation**: 3 projects
- **Affordable and Clean Energy**: 1 project
- **Industry Innovation and Infrastructure**: 1 project
- **Sustainable Cities and Communities**: 2 projects
- **Climate Action**: 2 projects
- **Life on Land**: 3 projects
- **Partnerships for the Goals**: 3 projects
Thank you!