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DIRECTORATE FOR EDUCATION EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Network on Early Childhood Education and Care

AGENDA OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE OECO NETWORK ON LARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE: "WORKFORCE, QUALIFICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT"

11-12 May 2009

Meeting to be held in Room CC5, OECD Conference Centre

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2, rue André-Pascal, 75775 Paris, Cedex 16, France

Approximate timing: 09.30 – 12.30, Monday 11 May 2009 (with coffee break at 11.00-11.30)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

EDU/EDPC/ECEC/A(2009)1/REV1

2. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 4th MEETING

EDU/EDPC/ECEC/M(2008)3

- 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- 4. OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Deborah Roseveare, Head of the Education and Training Policy Division, will welcome participants, introduce objectives of the meeting and give a brief update on the status of the network with respect to the new project.

5. INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME OF THE MEETING: WORKFORCE SUPPLY, QUALIFICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT.

Ms. Miho Taguma, Policy Analyst, Education and Training Policy Division, will set the scene for sessions 6-8. These sessions will aim to promote exchange of country experience. To this end, countries will present policy challenges and cutting-edge practices in each session, to be followed by focused discussions on each theme.

6. EFFECTIVE POLICIES TO ENSURE WORKFORCE SUPPLY

[ROOM DOCUMENTS]

The session will focus on designing and implementing effective policies to ensure workforce in ECEC. The issues for country presentations may include: Initial training requirements and course structures; Professional teaching and accreditation systems; Delivery arrangements; Diversity in the workforce; Ratio of child to teacher; Teacher supply policies and support.

- Mr. Christer Tofténius, Sweden
- Mr. Arturo Sáenz Ferral, Mexico
- Ms. Marisa Krenn-Wache, Austria
- Ms. Pauline Jones, England

Approximate timing: 14.00 – 17.30, Monday 11 May 2009 (with coffee break at 16.00-16.30)

7. EFFECTIVE POLICIES TO ARRANGE ADEQUATE QUALIFICATIONS

[ROOM DOCUMENTS]

The session will focus on designing and implementing effective policies to adequate qualifications for ECEC personnel. The issues for country presentations may include: Different levels of qualification (and different job titles, if any); Recognition of prior learning/ working experience; Age range covered by different qualifications; Benefits of having a national or vocational qualification framework.

- Mr. Mark Unwin, Australia
- Ms. Bea Buysse, Flanders Belgium
- Ms. Danielle Despots, Quebec Canada
- Ms. Estela Ortiz, Chile

8. POLICIES TO PROVIDE UPSKILLING OPPORTUNITIES AND INCENTIVES

[ROOM DOCUMENTS]

The session will focus on designing and implementing effective policies to provide upskilling opportunities and incentives for the staff working in ECEC. The issues for country presentations may include: Continuous training and course structures; Financial assistance and incentives for current teachers to gain qualifications.

- Ms. Luisa Ucha Silva, Portugal
- Ms. Nada Pozar Matijasic, Slovenia

Approximate timing: 09.30 – 12.30, Tuesday 12 May 2009 (with coffee break at 11.00-11.30)

9. NEW PROJECT PROPOSAL: ENCOURAGING QUALITY IN ECEC

[EDU/EDPC/ECEC(2009)2]

Ms. Deborah Roseveare and Ms. Miho Taguma will present the draft project proposal. The session will focus on discussing the scope of the new project, the overarching policy question, and the proposed output results.

- Ms. Frances Kelly, New Zealand
- Ms. Mugyeon Moon, Korea

ACTION REQUIRED: The Network is invited to discuss the scope, process and output results of the new project.

10. DRAFT TEMPLATE FOR UPDATING COUNTRY PROFILES

[EDU/EDPC/ECEC(2009)3]

At the last meeting, the network agreed to continue with updating the country profiles and it was agreed that the Secretariat provide a simple basic template. Ms. Miho Taguma will present the draft template.

To avoid duplication of data collection, Mr. Dominic Richardson, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, will briefly present a data collection plan for information on child policies and well-being outcomes and suggest some possible ways for collaboration.

ACTION REQUIRED: The Network is invited to discuss the template for updating the country profile and the timeline to accomplish the exercise.

11. UPDATE FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The session aims to explore opportunities for collaboration with other international organisations and to avoid any overlaps with respect to the new project and the updating of country profiles. The international organisations are invited to indicate the data that they are collecting/updating and suggest possible ways to collaborate on 'quality'.

- Ms. Nora Milotay, European Commission
- Ms. Paula Razquin and Ms. Yoshie Kaga, UNESCO

Approximate timing: 14.00-16.00, Tuesday 12 May 2009

12. A WAY FORWARD

The session will aim to bring together the various discussions on the theme of the meeting and develop the key policy insights and implications to record in our meeting report.

Delegates are invited to agree on the theme for the next meeting.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Confirmation of dates, theme and venue for the next meeting.