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COMMON POLICY RESEARCH (DISCUSSIONS ON WAY FORWARDS) EDUCATION CLUSTER

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Venue: Auditorium, GF



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Aim 1: Reflect on the current research development for producing possible policy recommendations

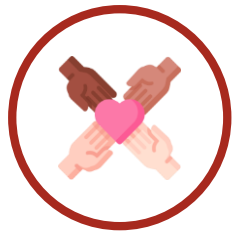
Approaches that can effectively bridge the gap between research findings and actionable policies:



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06	Implement Systematic Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employ systematic approaches to translate research findings into actionable policies effectively
07	Utilise Communication Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilise Executive Summaries, Policy Briefs, Infographics, e-Newsletter for clear and efficient communication
08	Facilitate Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate partnerships and consultations to ensure inclusive decision-making and diverse perspectives.
09	Enhance engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance engagement with Government, Partners and the public to broaden impact of research findings and policies,

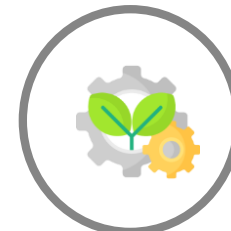
Project Themes Retained



Inclusivity



**Digital
Transformation**



**Education for
Sustainable
Development**

Issues and challenges in developing, disseminating, and possibly adopting the proposed policy recommendations/briefs, as well as in conducting proposed collaborative research:

1. Lack of funding and resource allocation

2. Thematic areas lack of clarity and alignment:

- There is a need for clarity in discussions regarding thematic areas, such as education and capacity building, to ensure focused policy development.
- Aligning research findings and recommendations with government priorities is also crucial but often lacks systematic needs assessments.

3. Lack of collaboration among SEAMEO centers, stakeholders, and research partners

- Essential for developing proposals, securing funding, and streamlining efforts

4. Scarcity in exploration of specialised competency areas within SEAMEO centers is necessary to address expertise gaps

- Availability of qualified personnel and expertise is crucial for conducting comprehensive research projects and developing effective policies.

5. Absence of communication and dissemination strategies of project proposals

- Doesn't fully utilise networking and conference opportunities to voice out research gaps.

How to address the issues and challenges

1. Enhanced Funding Strategies and Resource Management:

- Develop proposals with clear timelines and needs assessments to secure adequate funding.

2. Define thematic areas and prioritise topics based on importance to ensure clear focus and relevance

- Conduct systematic needs assessments to align research findings and policy recommendations with government priorities.
- Establish a lead for each theme to facilitate collaboration and streamline efforts.

3. Foster partnerships and stakeholder involvement to enhance engagement with government, partners, and the public.

- Utilise existing platforms like Centre Directors' meetings and High Officials Meeting to deploy pertinent policies and consolidate recommendations from collaborative efforts.
- Coordinate efforts among SEAMES centers and stakeholders to develop proposals and approach funding donors collectively.

4. Identify competency needs and engage partners to build capacity and expertise in relevant areas.

- Further explore specialised competency areas within SEAMEO centers to address expertise gaps and enhance research capabilities.

5. Implement effective communication and dissemination strategies

- Simplify research findings into formats like executive summaries, e-newsletters, policy briefs or infographics for wider dissemination.
- Ensure timely execution of research projects aligned with current needs and priorities to maximise impact and relevance.