



7<sup>TH</sup> SEAMEO CENTRES POLICY RESEARCH NETWORK (CPRN) SUMMIT 2024

# EMBRACING INCLUSIVITY IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE TOWARDS A FUTURE-READY SOUTHEAST ASIA

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## COMMON POLICY RESEARCH (DISCUSSIONS ON WAY FORWARDS) CULTURE CLUSTER

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Venue: Meeting Room, 3F



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

- **Align policy recommendations with Strategic Objectives or Goals.** For example by referencing SEAMEO Strategic 7 Priority Areas under Culture. This will enhance the relevance and impact of the policies, as they are designed to address specific priority areas identified by a respected authority in the field.
- Recommendations should not be limited to cultural aspects alone but should also encompass social, economic, and other relevant factors to provide a **holistic and comprehensive approach.**
- During Centre Directors Meeting (CDM), a **dedicated session** can be scheduled to discuss CPRN policy recommendations.

# Aim 1: Reflect on the current research development for producing possible policy recommendations (cont'd)

- **Combine Culture-themed papers into one policy brief.** This helps in creating a cohesive narrative and ensure that compiled information serves a unified purpose, addressing key issues and goals related to culture effectively.
- Formulate policy recommendations with **clear and achievable steps forward**, emphasising practicality and relevance for policymakers. When policymakers understand the specific actions required, they are more likely to take tangible steps towards policy adoption and execution.
- **Clearly identify and engage stakeholders** essential to the successful implementation of policy recommendations, fostering collaboration from diverse stakeholders involved in policy development and execution.



# Aim 2: Follow up on the previous agreements or discussions for possible research collaborations

Group members participated actively in the discussion and shared their recommendations and way forward.

No	SEAMEO Regional Centre / Network	Partners / Collaborator(s)	Policy Research Title	Discussion
1.	SEAMEO CHAT	To be identified	Education for Intercultural Understanding in Southeast Asia	<p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Funding support</li> <li>2. Lack of researchers</li> <li>3. Duration of the research</li> </ol> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Biodiversity in schools for high schools' students in Southeast Asia</li> <li>2. Expand cultural understanding of SEA by leveraging</li> <li>3. Importance of understanding culture (common cultural understanding, environmental ethics)</li> <li>4. To promote and preserve culture through technology.</li> </ol> <p><b>Way Forward</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of concept note and TOR</li> <li>2. Deliverables – 1 policy brief and 1 report</li> <li>3. Inter-centre collaboration (ICC)</li> </ol>
2.	SEAMEO SEAMOLEC	SEAMEO CHAT, SEAMEO VOCTECH	New Learning Culture Among Youth in Southeast Asia	<p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Funding support</li> <li>2. Duration of the research</li> </ol> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Misuse of social media platforms among special needs kids</li> <li>2. Readiness of the learners for technology</li> </ol> <p><b>Way Forward:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of concept note and TOR</li> <li>2. Deliverables – 1 policy brief and 1 report</li> <li>3. Inter-centre collaboration (ICC)</li> </ol>

SEAMEO BIOTROP & SEAMEO CED are working together on this.

## Aim 2: Follow up on the previous agreements or discussions for possible research collaborations

Issues	Suggestions
The absence of follow-up from the previous CPRN Summit Secretariat on the discussions held during the session led to a missed opportunity for continuity and action.	The CPRN Summit Secretariat to sharing summary of discussions, action points, and identified responsibilities to ensure continuity and accountability.
Participants may not have had sufficient time to prepare or delve deeply into the research topics as it was only shared during the session. This could hinder meaningful exchanges of ideas and exploration of potential collaborations among participants.	To facilitate more robust and informed discussions, the CPRN Summit Secretariat should share research topics beforehand with participants. This would allow participants to prepare adequately and contribute more meaningfully.

## Aim 2: Follow up on the previous agreements or discussions for possible research collaborations (cont'd)

Issues	Suggestions
Each centre is encouraged to have research paper, this poses challenges in topic selection and project monitoring.	Centers can prioritise expanding existing research projects rather than starting entirely new topics. Leveraging ongoing projects would allow centers to build on existing expertise, resources, and networks.
SEAMEO only has two centers dedicated to Culture cluster, suggests a potential gap in addressing cultural issues within the network.	Considering that Culture as a cross-cutting area, collaboration with other centres are highly encouraged. Integrating perspectives from science, education, and other disciplines into cultural research projects can enrich understanding and promote holistic solutions.

## Aim 3: Identify and discuss issues and challenges of achieving Aim 1 and 2

<b>Issues and challenges in developing, dissemination, and possibly adopting the proposed policy recommendations/briefs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Need more exposure and guide in writing policy recommendations</li></ul>
<b>Issues and challenges in conducting proposed collaborative research (personnel, donors/budget, timeline)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lack of involvement and consultation with key stakeholders, including government officials, community representatives, experts</li><li>- Limited financial, human, and technical resources</li></ul>

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## How to address the above issues and challenges

- The host of the CPRN Summit can organise a workshop focused on developing effective and persuasive policy recommendations.
- Involve representatives from government or policymakers as integral members of the research team to that the research remains relevant and can lead to substantial policy implications.
- Publish research in reputable journal publications and disseminate findings through social media platforms using engaging infographics to reach a wider audience.
- Organise seminars or webinars on pertinent topics. Collaborations between centers can facilitate the hosting of seminars or webinars.



# Thank you



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