UPDATE ON THE QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTION

Board of Directors Meeting
June 6-7, 2017
Ottawa, Canada
1. Establishment of a new internal review mechanism
2. Enhancement of the peer review process
3. Independent assessment of ESP/TEP
1. Management Review Meetings

**Function:**
- To clear Secretariat’s reports and key messaging before they are sent to countries or the GPC
- To ensure rigor and consistency of the QA process

**Modality:**
- Joint:
  - Management of CST, SPP and Ops
  - CL, peer reviewers, and QA team.
- Weekly, and based on country timeline and GPC meetings
- Based on clear guidance for each step

**Outcomes:**
- Enhanced quality and consistency of QA process and products
- Learning across teams
- Ongoing efficiency gains

**Status:**
- Effective since March 7
- 12 Review Meetings
- 18 reports examined across the different quality assurance steps
Status - Review Meetings

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2. Enhancement of the peer review process

- Peer review based on risk levels:

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- Peer review checked by the QA team and discussed at the Review meeting
3. Independent Assessment of ESP/TEP

1. Two training sessions for experts organized jointly with IIEP
=> establishment of a roster of consultants (>30)

2. Development of online training modules for independent assessment experts

3. Review of appraisal reports by the Secretariat (7 reports reviewed)
=> Feedback to individual independent assessment experts

4. Technical review of the independent assessment mechanism is planned
(BOD/2015/12-14 – Independent Assessment of Education Sector Plans):
   • Initial interim results/progress to be provided in Dec. 2017
   • Evaluation in 2018

5. Face to Face forum with independent experts to share lessons learned + best practices
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