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Building Bridges to a Sustainable Future: Inclusive Collaboration and Innovation in Education, Science, and Culture

PARALLEL SESSION:
COMMON POLICY RESEARCH DISCUSSION WAY FORWARD

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Objective 1: To identify and discuss issues and challenges related to policy recommendations and collaborative research

Key issues and challenges in developing, disseminating, and promoting the adoption of policy recommendations

1. Policy recommendations are not timely and no longer responsive to the current needs (*Time element, timing is a factor)*
2. Research results are not transferable to actionable recommendations (*research for the sake of research*)
3. Absence of political will / no champion to adopt or implement the policy
4. Researchers are working in silos / disconnect to the real needs of the stakeholders/MoE
5. Lack of capacity in translating research results into actionable policy recommendations

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6. Lack of strategies in monitoring if policy recommendations were acted upon
7. It takes time for the policy-makers to recognize the value of the research

Potential barriers to implementing collaborative research initiatives

1. The researchers do not involve the correct stakeholders so that the recommendations can be heard
2. Stringent policies of countries /MoE to collaborate (eg transfer of funds to other countries). Presence of protocol that needs to be followed / bureaucratic
3. No institutionalized platform/process to discuss inter-center research proposal up to dissemination of result
4. Challenges on availability and accessibility of updated data, information, and database
5. No available guidelines for inter-center collaboration

Recommendations to effectively address the identified issues and challenges

1. Engage relevant stakeholders at the onset of the research
2. Develop a platform to communicate the evidence found in the research.
3. Maximize different media to communicate research findings.
4. Identify and engaged potential stakeholders (eg MoE) from the beginning of the research ;
5. Codevelop/co-create research proposal and implementation strategy to translate research findings into actionable policies
6. Initiative from the MoE to invite researchers to do evidence-based research for policy adoption

Recommendations to effectively address the identified issues and challenges

7. Academic institutions to partner with MoE/DepEd to translate theory to praxis
8. Conduct capacity building in translating research findings to contextualize policy recommendations
9. Support and contribute to the platform for data and research paper repository in SEA
10. Develop guidelines for inter-center collaboration
11. Ensure that the research team is composed of inter-professional members
12. Make sure that research are published in peer-reviewed journal

Objective 2: To follow-up on previous agreements and discussions regarding collaborative research

Actionable steps to guide the next phase of collaboration, including roles, responsibilities, and expected timelines

1. Establish an advisory committee. ***Create a communication connectivity engagement with stakeholders.***
2. Identify topics by aligning them with the priority areas of the ministry. Research findings should answer their needs
3. Inter-centre collaboration/Multi sectoral, multi-disciplinary collaboration
4. Improve research infrastructure to support research and use of resources *(must have societal-impact, real world needs, timely, robust methodology)*
5. Build the country to implement the policy; support the country how to help the country to implement; informing better outcome:
6. One stop shop to have the data through the repository; list or researcher for SEAMEO centers; inter center collaboration in sharing of data; multi sectoral role