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

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Reflections on CPRN 2024–2025

Over the past two years, CPRN has achieved three significant goals:

1. **Consolidation of Policy Research Initiatives** aligned with the SEAMEO Strategic Plan 2021–2030, focusing on equitable access, inclusive pedagogy, and future-readiness.
2. **Strengthening Research Collaboration**, uniting 19 SEAMEO Centres, Ministries of Education, and development partners in the joint pursuit of evidence-informed policymaking.
3. **Amplifying Voices and Visibility** of underrepresented groups, including women, youth, persons with disabilities, and out-of-school children, through targeted research and inclusive frameworks.

Key presentations and collaborative sessions have highlighted pressing topics such as:

- The readiness of TVET institutions for Industry 4.0 using the SERI framework;
- Regional disparities in digital access and teacher motivation;
- Inclusive STEM and multigrade education models;
- Intersections of climate change, cultural diversity, and technology-driven learning;
- The importance of cultural diversity as both an asset and a responsibility in the region.
- The role of research in fostering just green transitions and bridging policy gaps in a post-pandemic world.

Bridge to CPRN 2026–2027

"Bridging Research, Policy, and Practice: Pathways toward Inclusive, Equitable, and Sustainable Futures"

Remaining Challenges

- Children with disabilities, girls in remote communities, Indigenous groups, caregivers, and other marginalised population still face barriers in accessing quality education and support

Policy reflects a stance of partiality. It is a form of taking sides

- The disparities in access, participation, and representation across gender, ethnicities, geography, and social economic remind us that we move forward, we must ensure that our research, policies, and practices speak not just for them, but *with* them.

Objectives:

- Deepen the CPRN agenda on intersectional equity and sustainable green human capital development;
- Enhance the use of participatory and community-based research methods;
- Advance the localisation of SDGs in all aspect of education, science, and culture;
- Build stronger bridges between culture, education and science;
- Strengthening the link between research, policy and practices.

Outputs:

- Diverse publications
  - Proceedings indexed in Scopus
  - Peer-review academic journal
  - Edited book to be published by international publication (Springer, Routledge, etc)

Let us ensure our knowledge transforms into equity, our policies into justice, and our practices into empowerment

Thank you