Group of National Experts on the AHELO Feasibility Study

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Paris, 17-18 December 2008

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1ST MEETING OF THE AHELO GROUP OF NATIONAL EXPERTS

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To be held at OECD Conference Centre, 2 rue André-Pascal, 75016 Paris, from 9:30 on Wednesday 17 December to 16:00 on Thursday 18 December 2008.

Approximate timing: Wednesday 17 December 2008, 9:30 – 13:00 (with coffee break at 11:00-11:30)

1. 9:30 – 11:00 Opening session

   Introduction (Barbara Ischinger, OECD Director for Education and Marijk van der Wende, Chair of IMHE Governing Board)

   Adoption of draft agenda, working methods and election of Chair for the AHELO GNE (Richard Yelland, Secretariat)

   Roadmap for the AHELO feasibility study (Karine Tremblay, Secretariat)

   Progress report and feedback from IMHE Governing Board meeting (Karine Tremblay and Richard Yelland, Secretariat)

   Allocation of participating countries to the various strands of work (Karine Tremblay, Secretariat)

2. 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

3. 11:30 – 13:00 What to assess? Towards AHELO conceptual frameworks of indicators

   The Tuning approach to defining international desired/expected learning outcomes and its application to AHELO (Robert Wagenaar, University of Groningen and Julia Gonzalez, University of Deusto)

   Conceptual framework of indicators for the contextual strand: feedback from an expert group (Alex McCormick, Indiana University)

   Discussion
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4. **14:30 – 16:00** Assessing it right: Criteria to assess the success of the AHELO feasibility study
   Ensuring the validity and reliability of AHELO measures (*Tom van Essen, Educational Testing Service – ETS*)
   Securing student response rates (*Takashi Sukegawa, Secretariat*)
   Building consensus on – and understanding of – AHELO (*Fabrice Henard, Secretariat*)
   Discussion

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5. **16:00 – 16:30** Coffee break

6. **16:30 – 18:00** What to assess? Some current work relevant to AHELO
   Generic skills: the Collegiate Learning Assessment (*Roger Benjamin, Council for Aid to Education – CAE and Richard Shavelson, Stanford University*)
   Engineering skills: the Australian initiative on assessing learning outcomes in engineering (*Hamish Coates, Australian Consortium for Educational Research – ACER*)
   Economics skills: the US Major Fields Test in Economics (*Tom van Essen, Educational Testing Service – ETS*)

EDU/IMHE/AHELO/GNE(2008)8 – CLA OVERVIEW
EDU/IMHE/AHELO/GNE(2008)9 – AUSTRALIAN INITIATIVE OVERVIEW
EDU/IMHE/AHELO/GNE(2008)10 – ECONOMICS MFT OVERVIEW

7. **18:15 – 19:30** Cocktail
   The cocktail will be an opportunity for the meeting participants to interact with each other and with experts, and to reflect on and further discuss the various presentations of the day.
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8. **9:30 – 11:00** Who to assess? Selecting participating HEIs and students within institutions
   - Introduction *(Richard Yelland, Secretariat)*
   - Work on developing a typology of HEIs in Europe *(speaker from CEIHE team, tbc)*
   - Roundtable on progress in participating countries in the selection of HEIs
   - Student sampling strategy for AHELO *(Jean Dumais Stats Canada)*

9. **11:00 – 11:30** Coffee break

10. **11:30 – 13:00** How to assess? Work process based on previous OECD surveys/assessments
    - Process for instrument development and implementation *(Karin Zimmer, Secretariat)*
    - Translation and cultural adaptations *(Béatrice Halleux-Monseur, PISA expert)*
    - Discussion

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11. **14:00 – 15:30** What next? Process for work and timeline for the AHELO feasibility study
    - The process for contracting out services at the OECD *(William Thorn, Secretariat)*
    - Establishment of a detailed timeline for the AHELO feasibility study *(Karine Tremblay, Secretariat)*
    - Discussion

12. **15:30 – 16:00** Wrap-up and closing of meeting *(Karine Tremblay and Richard Yelland, Secretariat)*