
Update on the revision of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED)

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Overview

- ISCED: custodianship and governance
- ISCED Review Panel: terms of reference and working process
- Overview of ISCED items/issues reviewed and next steps

ISCED custodianship and governance

- The UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) is the custodian of ISCED, responsible for its development, maintenance, updating and revision. The Institute provides guidance on the effective and consistent use of ISCED for international data collection and analysis.
- “An ISCED Committee should be formed in order to advise UIS regarding the classification of national programmes and qualifications, to review the current version of ISCED and to identify potential areas for further development, although ISCED revisions are not expected to be within its remit. [...] The composition of the Committee membership should aim to be balanced both technically and geographically, and therefore would include in addition a number of educational, statistical and classification experts with knowledge of ISCED and representing different regions of the world on a non-permanent basis as well as representatives from the research and user community.” ([ISCED 2011 manual](#), parag. 97)

ISCED Review Panel

- Established in June 2023
- Composition
 - 6 Member States: Brazil, Cameroon, Egypt, India, Jamaica, Norway
 - 7 International Organisations: OECD, UNESCO (UNEVOC, UIL), UN ECLAC, ACS UNECA, ILO, UNCEISC (Chair), Education International
 - UIS: Secretariat
- Mandate
- Scope of Work
- Working methodology
 - Review process
 - Evaluation criteria: based on a typology of decision-making for systematic assessment and prioritization of the 16 issues identified

Type	ISCED	Decision	Action	Level
1- Definition/scope	1-All	1-To be considered for amendment/ revision	Change proposed	0 to 8
2- Implementation	2-ISCED-P	2-Additional information/work needed	Roadmap	
3- Methodology	3-ISCED-A	3-Not to be considered for revision	Not applicable	
4- Guidance on application	4-ISCED-F			
5- Other				

Overview of ISCED items/issues reviewed and next steps

- 16 items/issues reviewed and discussed
- Each item/issue evaluated using the typology of decisions framework
- Items/issues relate to all ISCED 2011 levels and covered ISCED-P, ISCED-A, and ISCED-F
- Number of items/issues by type of issue

Types	# of Items/ issues
1. Definition/scope	5
1. Definition/scope, 3. Methodology	1
1. Definition/scope, 4. Guidance on application	1
1. Definition/scope, 2. Implementation, 4. Guidance on application	2
2. Implementation, 4. Guidance on application	7

- Next steps

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