Report from UNESCO IITE Governing Board

On the implementation of Recommendations of the Working Group on the governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO

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Implementation of Recommendations 57-80

✓ Recommendations on Efficiency and Transparency (mandate, composition, structure, rules of procedure, methods of work)

✓ Recommendations on alignment with overarching priorities of UNESCO

✓ Recommendations on coherence, coordination and synergies
Implementation of Special Recommendations 117-126

– improving transparency and information dissemination;
– enhancing visibility and interaction with Member States;
– dissemination of information on selection, procedures, and key decisions of GBs to all Member States;
– updating of websites to improve information-sharing;
– maintaining the functional autonomy of Education Category 1 Institutes;
– mapping of assets/ contributions for implementation of SDG4;
– harmonization and updating of statutes and procedures;
– balanced support to the Category 1 Institutes;
– cooperation between Education Category 1 Institutes.
Highlights

- Closer liaison and cooperation between Institutes and National Commissions in host countries

- Empowerment of Governing Boards by
  - developing sustainable business models at Institutes based on principles of self-funding;
  - changing mindsets to embrace the socio-economic changes translated into business language and defined added values;
  - compensating Board members and ensuring dynamic information exchange and collaboration.
Further actions

Further implementation actions:
- Visibility and dissemination of information
- Collaboration with other category 1 institutes

Suggestions:
- More balanced support by UNESCO HQs to Category 1 Institutes.
- More decentralized resources including extrabudgetary funding from UNESCO HQs to the Institute, and sustained support from the host country to IITE Programme Activities.
- Unified strategy of UNESCO on ICT in education, following UNESCO Internal evaluation of ICT in education.
Thank you for your attention!

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