

DRAFT AGENDA

2nd RESEARCH NETWORK AFRICA MEETING

Fiesta Royale Hotel, Accra, Ghana
17-19 November, 2016
Cedar Conference Hall

Thursday, 17th November, 2016

08:30 -09:00 Registration (*Lobby outside of the Cedar Conference Hall*)

9:00 – 11:00 **Session 1: Where are we now? - Information-based union activism**

This session will provide a brief introduction to EI's research at the global level, explore the participant survey results and provide affiliates with a platform to share their research with their colleagues.

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 -13:00 **Session 2: African union research on terms of employment, working conditions and the breadth of learning: Strengthening the teachers voice!**

Representatives from unions with diverse research backgrounds will present their funded research projects on terms of employment in private and public schools. These research presentations are followed by a discussion where affiliates who participated in different EI projects, such as EI policy dialogue initiatives or the development of a breadth of learning teacher survey tool, share their experience in strengthening their teachers' voice to foster government action.

13:00 -14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 16:00 **Session 3: Gathering evidence for advocacy**

Workshop sessions on developing and using quantitative and qualitative tools for data collection:

- Quantitative: Surveys (online/paper-based)
- Qualitative: Field observation, in-depth interviews

16:00 – 16:30 Plenary debriefing

Friday, November 18th, 2016

09:00 – 11:00 **Session 3 (continued): Gathering evidence for advocacy**

Workshop sessions on developing and using quantitative and qualitative tools for data collection:

- Quantitative: Surveys (online/paper-based)
- Qualitative: Field observation, in depth interviews

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 13:00 **Session 4: Data to action - Telling the research stories**

Plenary workshops on quantitative and qualitative data analysis and report writing for advocacy.

- Analysing quantitative data: How to interpret graphs and tables
- Analysing qualitative data, such as interviews (theme coding)
- Writing effective reports

13:00 -14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 -16:00 **Session 5: *Can there be quality education without quality terms of employment?***

In this session we will explore ways in which our Research Network can play a leading role in the global debate on terms of employment.

Saturday, November 19th, 2016

09:00 – 11:00 **Session 6: Getting ready – Planning for change**

We will go through research guidelines that can help unions to implement effective research projects – from the idea to advocacy. This is followed by group discussions on research themes of interest to the meeting participants and that will lead into the development of concrete research grant applications. Come prepared!

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 -13:00 **Session 7: Evaluation and steps forward**

In this session we will evaluate the meeting, but also discuss how education unions in the African region can be best supported in the future to implement compelling research projects.

13:00 -13:30 *Closing*

13:30 *Lunch*