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KIX Africa 19 Hub

MEETING REPORT

Follow up Meeting to the Africa 19 Digital Repository Launch Reported by the KIX Hub Secretariat

Date: Thursday, 10 December 2020

Time: 15:30 – 16:30 EAS

Participants: 31 participants: the Gambia, Ghana, IICBA, Kenya, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, UNICEF, VVOB, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Meeting Objectives:

The Follow Up meeting had the following objectives:

- The Africa 19 Digital Repository is introduced and presented to KIX Africa 19 Hub members and member states
- A shared understanding of the Africa 19 Digital Repository key features is garnered
- Feedback is provided by KIX Hub members

I. Introduction, Chelsea Lavallee, IICBA

Chelsea Lavallee welcomed participants, facilitated member introductions and introduced the meeting agenda. She thanked everyone for making it today and encouraged feedback from everyone on the call.

II. Virtual Tour and Demonstration, Chelsea Lavallee, IICBA

Chelsea presented the Africa 19 Digital Repository to members, taking a tour of each of the Digital Repository's sections and how to navigate to the various resources. Members viewed the country pages, the documents they contain and the links to country team delegation sites. Next, an overview was provided of the resources under each of the six KIX thematic areas, including an explanation of each partners' resource and what types of information members can access within each (ie. Policy briefs, research documents, country profiles etc). The final section compiles KIX resources, including the KIX Africa 19 Hub publications, such as the In-Depth Country Mapping and accompanying infographic, as well as a link to the KIX Digital Platform and links to other Hubs. The demonstration explored the features of the KIX Digital Platform, managed by IDRC, its news and announcement features, Hub resources and the forthcoming interactive and collaborative features were briefly discussed, such as the online forum and chat, monitoring, evaluation and learning center and polling/survey tools. IDRC will be working with the Hub further to introduce and train members on the use of these tools.

III. Question and Answer and Feedback, Tilaye Kassahun, IICBA

Participants posed the following questions in relation to the Africa 19 Digital Repository:

Question 1: Is there a way students can tap into the Digital Repository, a place where they can meet and exchange ideas? How can this resource reach them?

- **Response:** The Digital Repository is open access, so anyone can benefit from its resources. In terms of some of the interactive tools that would allow for meeting other students and exchanging, these tools will be part of the KIX Digital Platform from IDRC. At the moment, the user



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profiles for the KIX Digital Platform are designed for Hub members, not necessarily students. But we can look into some ideas and see what is feasible. This type of platform for students may already exist and if so, we can see what kind of linkages could be made so that countries could benefit from it. There is also a possibility to extend these resources through your own username or we can look into providing more account logins as necessary.

Question 2: How do we find information about the interventions on the six thematic areas within the member countries??

- **Response:** The way the country profiles are designed right now, they cover the documents that have been developed by the country team members, mainly from the Ministry of Education. The thematic resources are not organized by country, rather they are organized by theme. It sounds like it would be useful to provide some thematic links directly on the country pages, which we will look into and see how to accommodate.

Question 3: Where is the Digital Repository hosted and what could be the security of the website and the data uploaded to the site?

- **Response:** The Digital Repository is hosted on the UNESCO server. Any data or resources uploaded here will be open access, so sensitive information should not be added here. Depending on what kind of sensitive information you may wish to share, that you would like to be available only to Hub members rather than the public, there will be places to do this on the KIX Digital Platform that IDRC is working on. To access some of the documents there, members will need to log on. So secure documents could be uploaded and shared via that platform. IDRC will be letting us know more about how these features will work soon.

Question 4: Is there any information on TVET, especially for building the capacities of our instructors?

- **Response:** Right now the Digital Repository is focused on the six thematic areas, which does not include TVET. But in terms of building instructors' capacities, this could be explored further as we continue to build out the teaching and learning thematic area, which is expected to address teacher capacity strengthening. As we move into forming communities of practice around the themes, there could be further opportunities to exchange with other Hub members on teacher/instructor capacity development in relation to TVET.

Question 5: How can we duplicate a Digital Repository like this at the local level, at the country level? It would be useful for our knowledge management. Even at the school level, targeted information and data produced by planning and education management unit would be helpful for schools to access and have links to the national websites. This is particularly relevant for teachers, which have a great number of WhatsApp groups to share resources together, so the demand is there for a more robust knowledge sharing platform that they can access.

- **Response:** It is very important for us to understand the demand you have just mentioned, especially in terms of what teachers would benefit from. The Secretariat will do some more research and look at ways the KIX Hub project can respond to this demand, particularly through the teaching and learning thematic area.

V. Conclusion, Dr. Victoria Kisaakye, IICBA

Dr. Kisaakye thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and for sharing their comments and feedback. She congratulated everyone who helped complete the Digital Repository, including countries who



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provided resources. The Digital Repository is for everyone to use and you can find information and data that will contribute to your everyday work. Any time you receive new information, studies and policies, please share them with us so we can upload them on the site. This will allow other countries to learn from you.

The comments made by Alpha from the Gambia about the link to national level is very important and the Hub will explore ways to respond to this demand.

Finally, we ask for your kind support to complete country factsheets that have been shared with each country team. We want to compile the data and make it into something that will be interesting for you to see, something visually appealing, that will show each country's progress in the different thematic areas, so we can learn how best to support you through this project and further capacity strengthening areas.