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AP-IS Academia Network

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• When the massification and digitisation of higher education means it is available to more people, in more places, than ever, inequality is getting worse between and within many countries.

• Three discourses: Development and global inequality; the purpose and responsibilities of higher education; and on the disruptive potential of technology enabled learning collaborations.
Background

• The AP-IS Academia Network is proposed to be a coalition of universities, research and education centres involved in the research, development and training on information society and related issues.
• Presented at the First Meeting of the AP-IS Steering Committee, 1 – 2 November 2017, Dhaka
• Discussed again in AP-IS Steering Group Meeting, Bangkok, 12 December 2017
Background

• AP-IS Academia Network will be a platform for the academic community to collaborate / aggregate knowledge resources from the regional academic communities.
• Provide critical input and support to AP-IS
• Hub of strategic research, education and training and be a vital arm to achieve AP-IS vision and goals.
GOAL

• To provide both research and capacity building capabilities for network members
• To identify and respond to challenges and opportunities in which AP-IS initiative can achieve its objectives.
• To create a shared platform to cover the last mile in academia
PILLAR 4: PROMOTING BROADBAND ACCESS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS

Outcomes
- Increased access to Academic Resources across the region
- Increased Access to Academic Resources within the counties
- National Academia Networks and Trained Support Teams
- Establishment of Partnerships across National Networks
- Institution Level Integration of the Academia Network
- Increase in collaborative research to support AP-IS
- Increased awareness and knowledge of Academia Networks
- Created partnerships to build capacity and resource mobilization
- Facilitated access to Affordable Education Networks
- Create community of support at National Levels

Activities
- Setting up a AP-IS Taskforce APIS-AN
- Initiate dialogue with National Networks
- Capacity Building of National Academia
- Setting up National Academia Networks
- MOU among the Regional Networks

Inputs
- FUND
- OPERATIONAL SUPPORT / SECRETARIAT

Outputs
- National Education authorities and Associations of Universities support the program
- Willingness to Share Academic Resources across Borders
- Established National Network support others to set up in-country Networks
• Expression of interest so far
• Formation of a Task force / Working Group
• Identifying Partners / Member universities and institutions and researchers
Thank you!

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