

Group 4: Public-Private Mix in Higher Education

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Different Times, Changing Purposes:

Revisiting High Education's Public-Private Mix in the Development Process

Higher education systems (HESs) are quite diverse across the globe. But, in each country, the government inevitably plays important roles as a supplier, financier, and regulator. In order to analyze such diverse systems, we need a coherent theoretical framework that can be applied to different countries. This framework should be flexible enough to encompass the diversity among the systems, but at the same time simple enough that a particular HES can be understood by using the framework. Then we will use this common framework to study several countries in detail from a comparative perspective. In particular, we will examine the context of the development of private higher education and the factors explaining the rise of private higher education, and analyze issues and challenges facing in private higher education sector in terms of its performance and functions. In each country study, we will articulate major problems or challenges and provide some policy solutions. Although the countries may differ widely, we would also come up with a set of reasonable policy recommendations depending on the country's context.

We seek to have two major outputs. The first is the policy report that focuses on the diverse challenges and possible policy recommendations. The audience of this report is policy makers in HES, particularly in developing countries. We wish to have the first draft of this report by the Cairo meeting. Hopefully, it generates enough interest in various policy forums. The second output is a book that deals with more the development of the theoretical framework, and application of the framework to the diversity of the challenges witnessed across countries in order to come up with a more guided policy interventions. We wish to have the first draft by the Paris meeting.