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Implementation of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED):
Challenges and solutions forward

### **Background of ISCED**

- Comprehensive framework that facilitates transformation of national education data into internationally agreed categories that make crossnational comparisons possible.
- UIS is custodian and responsible for development, maintenance, and consistent use of ISCED for data collection and analysis.
- ISCED family classifications include:
  - ISCED-P 2011: national educational programmes
  - ISCED-A 2011: educational attainment
  - ISCED-F 2013: fields of education and training
  - ISCED-T 2021: teacher training programmes and related qualifications



# Most common issues about the use of ISCED 2011 and ISCED-F 2013?

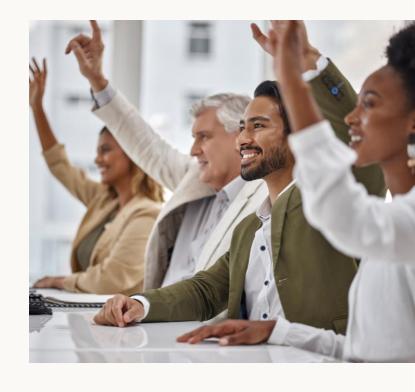
- Lack of harmonization in classification of national programmes
  - National education programmes not classified in correct level of ISCED (issue not intrinsic to ISCED)
  - National education programmes classified but not in a harmonised manner across countries
- Unresolved broad ISCED 2011 classification issues
  - Homeschooling
  - Classification of early childhood programmes (3 or 4) as Pre-primary (ISCED 01)
  - Academic / Professional programme definitions for Bachelor and up (ISCED 6-8)
- ▶ ISCED-F 2013
  - Field names and descriptions
     e.g. "03 Social sciences, journalism and information", "0111 Education Science",
     "04 Business, administration and law"



#### **ISCED Review Panel**

- ➤ Under which conditions can home schooling be classified in ISCED 2011 as formal education?
- ▶ Under which conditions can programmes intended for children aged 3 or 4 be classified as ISCED 01?
- How can academic and professional programmes be defined for ISCED 6-8?

Recommendations expected by mid-2024





## **Proposed decision** International Standard Classification of Education

- Noting the information presented in the document 'International Standard Classification of Education: Challenges and solutions forward' (1 UIS/EDS/3);
- acknowledging the role of the UIS as the custodian of ISCED and the support provided to countries in the classification of their national programmes in accordance with ISCED;

#### The UNESCO Conference on Education Data and Statistics:

- ▶ Welcomes the establishment of the ISCED review panel by the UIS in 2023 in accordance with ISCED 2011 and 2013 classifications;
- Invites the TCG/EDS Commission to follow up on the results of the deliberations of the ISCED review panel







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