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Introduction

1. As with the first round of TALIS, it is proposed that a priority-rating exercise is conducted to guide the policy themes that the second round of TALIS will focus on. This paper sets out a proposal for the design and implementation of the rating exercise.

Action required

2. The TALIS BPC is asked to:

- **REVIEW** and **FINALISE** the design and implementation of a priority-rating exercise to guide the content of a second round of TALIS.

Design of the rating exercise

3. As with the rating exercise for the first round of TALIS, the analytical framework that has been developed for TALIS forms the basis for the priority-rating exercise. The framework has been updated and will be reviewed by the TALIS BPC at the meeting (doc.Ref. EDU/INES/TALIS (2010)2). The framework is organised under 5 main policy issues and within each of these, there are a number of *themes*, and within each theme there are a number of *indicators*.

4. As with the exercise for the first round, it is proposed that the focus of the ratings are the *themes*. However, in order to obtain a more fine-tuned indication of the policy interests of countries, the *indicators* will also be listed on the rating form and countries will have the opportunity to signal which of these are the most important aspects of the theme that TALIS should investigate.

5. Countries have expressed a wish to measure change over time through successive rounds of TALIS. Thus, the rating exercise will provide the opportunity for countries to indicate which *indicators* from the first round of TALIS they would like to see repeated in the second round. Individual indicators may be selected for being repeated without the broader theme being rated for inclusion in the second round.

6. Otherwise, the proposed rating exercise for the second round will follow a similar methodology to that used in the first TALIS round as follows.

7. Annex A (separate Excel file) lists the 19 *themes* within each of the high level policy issues. The rating exercise requires countries to divide 190 rating points between the 19 *themes* and then to mark with a cross those *indicators* that they consider most important within those *themes*. The steps countries should follow are:

- a) Countries have 190 points that can be allocated amongst the 19 *themes* presented in Annex A.

- b) Countries are free to divide their ratings points in any manner they consider appropriate as long as the total number of rating points allocated sums to 190 points.
- c) Countries should allocate 190 rating points in the first column of the table amongst each of the 19 *themes* according to the countries preferences. For example, if a country places great importance on 2 *themes* then it could assign 95 points to each of those themes. Alternatively, if all *themes* were considered to be of equal importance then the country would assign 10 points to each theme.
- d) For those *themes* that they have assigned points to, countries should then mark with a cross in column 1, the *indicators* that they consider to be the most important ones within these themes.
- e) In the second column countries should mark with a cross the *indicators* (not the *themes*) that they would most like to see repeated in the second round of TALIS. It is possible to select an indicator to be repeated even if the theme to which it belongs is not among rated in column 1.
- f) Countries can also provide comments if they consider it would aid the compilation of the assigned priorities.
- g) The points assigned by countries to each *themes* will be aggregated by the Secretariat to determine the overall ratings for the priority rating exercise. Similarly, the frequency by which *indicators* are flagged as important within the themes and for monitoring trends will be compiled by the Secretariat.
- h) On the basis of the rating the Secretariat will make a proposal for the focus and content of the second round of TALIS

Implementation

8. All OECD countries (whether previous TALIS participants or not) will be invited to complete the rating exercise, as will partner countries who participated in the first round and any other partner country who wishes to do so. On the basis of the rating the Secretariat will make a proposal for the focus and content of the second round of TALIS. This may include core content as well as thematic modules in order to maximise the relevance of the TALIS content to a broad range of country interests.

9. As the rating-exercise will be conducted before countries decide on their participation in a second round of TALIS, the assessment of the ratings will be reviewed by the countries who finally decide to participate.

10. It is proposed that the rating exercise is sent to countries after the meeting taking account of modifications suggested by the BPC and that countries are asked to return the completed rating forms within three weeks.