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Background

Samtse College of Education (SCE) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD) will organize and host Bhutan Uptake forum with funding and technical support from Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) and IDRC.

Samtse College of Education (SCE) is dedicated to training secondary school teachers and fostering excellence in research, innovation, and quality teaching. By integrating research into teaching practices, SCE promotes continuous professional development and a culture of inquiry to enhance education.

Aligned with this vision, the 13th Five Year Plan of the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD) emphasizes cultivating





a strong research culture through forums, seminars, and conferences to address educational challenges and foster collaboration.

The Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX), funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), supports educational innovation by sharing global best practices and fostering knowledge exchange. The KIX Uptake Forum, a key initiative, brings together educators, policymakers, and researchers to explore strategies for improving education quality and inclusivity in Bhutan.

In 2025, SCE, in partnership with MoESD and KIX, will host the Bhutan Uptake Forum to promote knowledge sharing and collaboration among stakeholders. The event aims to strengthen Bhutan's research culture, spark new collaborations, support classroom innovation, and bridge policy and practice, driving improvements in the education sector and advancing national goals for excellence and inclusivity.

KIX Bhutan:

Bhutan is actively implementing various KIX activities, including research projects, learning cycles, webinars, podcasts, and knowledge-sharing platforms. Currently, KIX funds four projects in Bhutan, with three hosted at Samtse College of Education: Data Management, CL4STEM, Gender-Inclusive Pedagogy, and Promoting Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Schools. Bhutan also participates in Learning Cycles 6 and 7, focusing on women's participation and workforce management. Past KIX initiatives, such as Out of School Children (OOSC) and Children at Risk of Dropping Out, have further enriched Bhutan's educational efforts, with outcomes to be discussed at the upcoming Bhutan Uptake Forum.

The forum will also feature secondary school teachers presenting their research, fostering collaboration among educators, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. This highlights the importance of empowering teachers as key drivers of educational quality, equity, and inclusivity.

Key Activities at the KIX Bhutan Uptake Forum:

- Keynote Addresses by prominent leaders from Bhutan, KIX, and GPE
- Panel and round table discussions on findings from KIX projects, learning cycles, and school-based research
- Stakeholder Discussions between national and international participants
- Trade fair to showcase KIX and Project activities
- Collaborative Sessions to enhance KIX's impact within the Bhutanese education system



Who will Participate?

National Participants:

- Teacher Educators
- Policy Makers
- Curriculum Specialists
- School Teachers
- Representatives from Civil Society Organizations

International Participants:

- KIX EMAP Hub Team
- KIX National Coordinators from Southeast Asia
- GPE KIX Focal Points
- GPE Team
- IDRC Team
- KIX Evaluation Team
- Keynote speakers and researchers from KIX projects



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