



Following the success of SEA-PLM Technical Webinar and the Regional Meeting organised for all SEA-PLM national teams, we are now progressing towards our crucial milestones of data analysis and regional report launch. To update you on the highlights and our upcoming events, we are delighted to share with you the second issue of **SEA-PLM newsletter** in 2020.

SEA-PLM National Team Meeting

Despite the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic and its implications for implementing SEA-PLM activities, the SEA-PLM Secretariat continues to actively progress according to its agreed masterplan by adapting its implementation to the new normal approach.

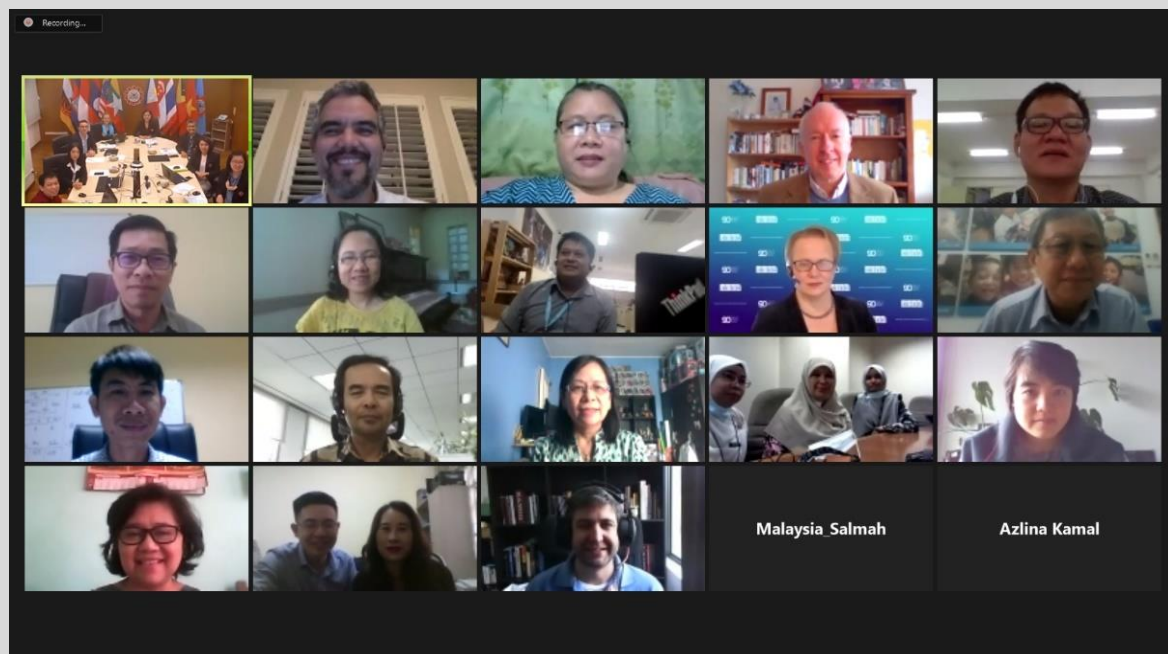
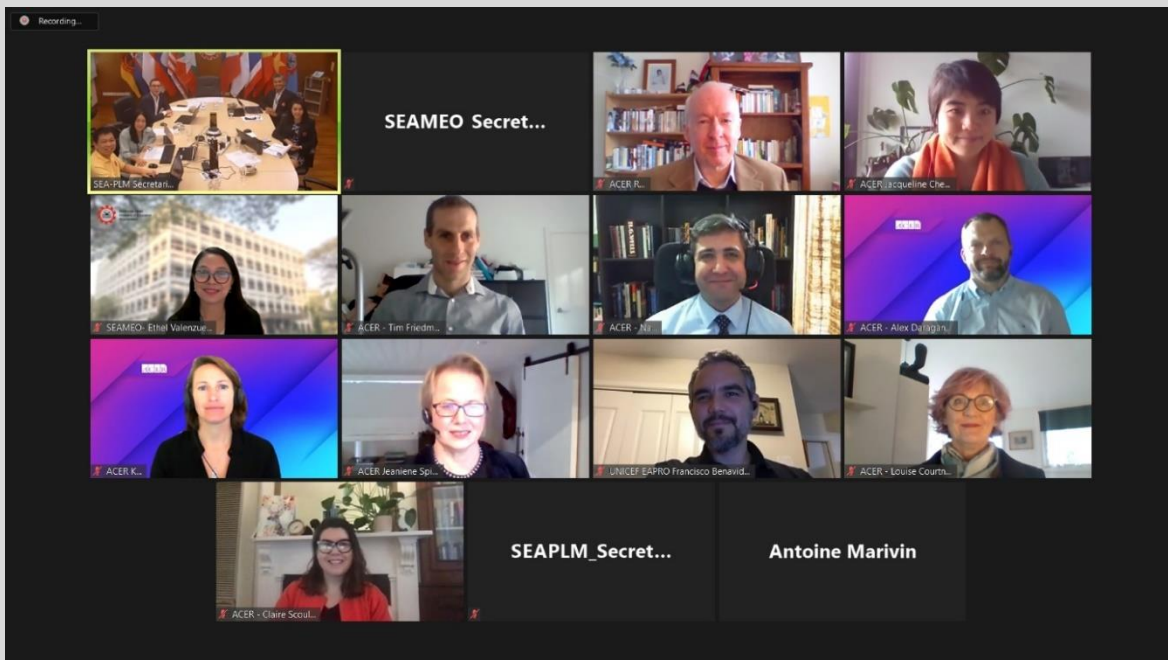
In SEA-PLM planning at the regional level, we hereby reaffirm our commitment to implementing all scheduled activities, particularly the public release of SEA-PLM 2019 results at the official launch of the SEA-PLM regional report on 1 December 2020. To ensure concurrent progress at the national level towards this important goal, SEA-PLM Secretariat scheduled a conference call with each national team in July 2020. UNICEF country office representatives were invited to join the call to encourage supportive collaboration between the national team and its local partner.

The call was successfully organised to update all national teams on the main regional activities, protocols and embargo rules. Based on the responses to National Planning Guide 2020 survey submitted in March 2020, each national team updated the SEA-PLM Secretariat on a tentative national plan for reporting and disseminating national results at the national level after the completion of 1st SEA-PLM regional report launch on 1 December 2020.





SEA-PLM Technical Webinar on Proficiency Scales and Database and Regional Team Meeting on SEA-PLM Activities and Reporting



Due to travel restrictions during the pandemic, SEA-PLM Secretariat changed the format of an annual national team regional workshop from a five-day in-person training to a three-day technical webinar and a one-day regional online meeting. The Technical Webinar on Proficiency Scales and Database was organised during 4-6 August 2020. The Regional Meeting on SEA-PLM Activities and Reporting was organised virtually on 7 August 2020.

As part of the efforts of SEA-PLM Secretariat to increase the capacity of national teams, the webinar and meeting were organised in collaboration with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to:

- Report the process by which the regional scaling parameters and described proficiency scales have been developed;
- Increase an understanding of SEA-PLM national teams on managing and using the datasets, including the use of weighting, and the calculation and meaning of standard errors when computing results tables; and
- Inform all SEA-PLM national teams on the regional and national preparations for reporting and disseminating regional results.

The webinar and meeting were well-attended by all six SEA-PLM national teams. After the meeting, SEA-PLM Secretariat will actively progress in preparing the regional report. SEA-PLM national teams will be regularly updated and consulted for reviewing and validating the structure and the contents of the regional report.

SEA-PLM Upcoming Regional Activities

- 11th Regional Steering Committee – 17-18 September 2020, Online

For pre-launching SEA-PLM 2019 results and exchanging the SEA-PLM Programme short and long-term activities and opportunities. At distance consultation meeting may be organised earlier in the year for confirming SEA-PLM 2019 products and strategies on preparing the next round of assessment in 2023.

- A Bilateral Meeting with MOEs on SEA-PLM Preliminary Results – 15 October-15 November 2020, Online

For informing progress on data analysis and provide preliminary results to the Ministers of Education with the aims to receive guidance on policy implications and national supports on SEA-PLM activities at the national level.

- Launch of SEA-PLM 2019 Regional Report – 1 December 2020, Bangkok and online

For publicly releasing initial SEA-PLM 2019 regional products and results at the regional level with the objectives to promote better learning policies and practices.

SEA-PLM has achieved its several crucial milestones up to this stage due to strong supports from all participating countries. We would like to thank the **Ministries of Education** of our participating countries for their continued contributions to developing the **SEA-PLM** programme.

With gratitude,
SEA-PLM Secretariat

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