

The Goals of Bioethics Education

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The rationale for Bioethics education is in the Asia-Pacific regional action plan, “Joint Plan of Action for Regional Networking in Bioethics Education Towards Better Bioethics Education”, developed at the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Conference on Bioethics Education in 2006. Please refer to the goals there for a discussion. The International Bioethics Education Network was also launched. The current strategies will be discussed including:

- 1) Use of on-line teaching materials for bioethics education in different countries. Production of cross cultural materials. Improvement via expert meetings. Adapted and translated in different languages to teach school and university classes about bioethics.
- 2) A network of teachers in different countries , sharing bioethics curricula for schools, bioethics clubs and other endeavours.
- 3) Implementation of the joint regional action plan (July 2006)
- 4) Mapping of bioethics teaching programs in Global Ethics Observatory (GEObs)
- 5) Sharing of museum displays and over stimuli to enhance classroom interactions
- 6) Development of moral games and participatory methods
- 7) Conducting teacher training workshops with UNESCO national commissions and colleges
- 8) Curriculum review and development
- 9) UNESCO Core Curriculum on Bioethics and MOUs with pilot institutions
- 10) Mainstreaming of ethics, integration into professional educational review and training
- 11) Evaluation of teaching bioethics.