

Become an *IEA Member*



The International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) is made up of over 60 member countries and a range of partners, from research institutes, universities, and study centers to ministries of education. Together, we work on progressing educational research and improving education quality and equity by contributing to the advancement of evidence-based policies and practices worldwide.

IEA membership is an important pillar of the international education community and membership is open to any institution that has a strong educational research tradition, providing they have linkages to educational researchers, practitioners, and national policymakers. Member institutions and/or research institutes are responsible for implementing and supervising IEA studies within their own countries. To become a member, education systems must already participate in at least one of IEA's studies. There can be one member per education system. In some circumstances, an institutional member may represent part of a nation, as has been the case with the Belgian Flemish and French communities.

Benefits of *IEA Membership*

- **Be part of an international education community:**

Since 1958, IEA has led the way in conducting worldwide comparative studies of educational achievement. We draw strength from our unique and diverse network of members, relying on their meaningful contributions and active engagement worldwide. IEA works cooperatively with all our members and partners to help and support the wider community and take a collaborative approach to all of our activities; every member and partner has an equal voice.

IEA seeks to create an inclusive, collaborative, and respectful community environment for everyone. We are committed to diversity and the free expression of ideas in pursuit of a common goal of researching education to improve learning.

- **Network, share, and exchange knowledge and experience:**

IEA consists of a unique network of multiple stakeholders of scholars, researchers, and policy makers all working together to prepare and conduct studies on educational achievement worldwide. The annual General Assembly (GA) gives all members the opportunity to meet and interact with each other, to share knowledge, discuss and evaluate goals and objectives, and to raise topics that matter to members.

IEA is committed to ensuring that the results of its comparative research projects reach a wide audience of researchers, policymakers, technical experts, educators, and all others working to enhance teaching and learning around the world. GA members will have access to all IEA publications based on secondary analyses of IEA data, including complimentary copies of the Springer book series, IEA Research for Education, and the open access Springer journal, *Large-scale Assessments in Education*, and prepublication access to the IEA Compass: Briefs in Education series.

- **Participate at the annual IEA General Assembly (GA):**

The GA is the central decision-making body of IEA and, as such, IEA members have the authority to make decisions on IEA strategy and any new initiatives or studies to be launched. The GA allows members to actively take part in the overall governance and development of IEA, as specified by the IEA statutes.

The GA provides information about the current status and activities that are undertaken in all IEA studies and projects, serves as a forum to share international data before the pre-announced release of important IEA study findings, and approves new members to the association as well as the annual budget.

The GA members elect a Chairperson every three years to guide the organization and also elect, from among IEA members, on a rotating basis, a six-member Standing Committee (SC) to serve as a board of directors for IEA. The SC works with the IEA Chair and Executive Director to implement GA resolutions.

- **Contribute to advancing research and innovating international educational assessment:**

IEA provides a model for research in education and innovative approaches when it comes to educational assessment. As an IEA member, countries are able to contribute to the development of research and innovation.

Members have the opportunity to engage in discussions and GA sessions and learn from each other's methods related to innovative educational and assessment approaches that are conducted at both international and national level. This can relate to topics such as digital assessment, process data, or approaches in educational reforms.

We hope to welcome you as an IEA member and to work together toward a more educated world. For further information, please contact secretariat@iea.nl