

Foreword

Governments increasingly look at how to achieve ambitious reforms in education to improve results. But such changes are not easy to make: education change takes time, options for improvement may not be evident, groups with vested interests may hamper reforms, and politicians may face conflicting priorities or lack evidence on what can work best within the context. Education Policy Outlook 2015: Making Reforms Happen is designed to support governments move education systems forward by providing policy makers with choices to help formulate and implement policies.

Designed for policy makers, analysts and practitioners who seek information and analysis of education policy, the Education Policy Outlook 2015: Making Reforms Happen addresses the need for improvement in education in a comparative manner, taking into account the importance of national context. Through a review of different countries' context, challenges and experience in implementing education reform, this publication offers directions and strategies to facilitate successful introduction of changes. It also provides a comparative review of policy trends and explores specific reforms across the OECD to help countries learn from one another and choose the reforms best adapted to their needs and context.

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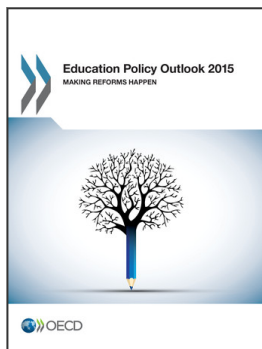
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