

Trends in International Geography Assessment Study (TIGAS) ‘Social Lab’

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Social Lab advertisement:

Name of Project: TIGAS Social Lab workshop

Location: TBA

Time: 90 mins

Introduction

Workshop participants are invited to participate in a “Social Lab”. The term ‘social lab’ is used to describe the process of bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders to create new insights and to collaboratively explore, frame and co-create solutions to complex challenges. In social labs, emphasis is placed on dialogue, listening carefully, cross pollination of ideas and prototyping solutions.

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop/social lab is to explain the Trends in International Geography Assessment Study (TIGAS) and to collect feedback from multiple stakeholders about the design of an assessment instrument.

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to contribute to the social lab discussions regarding the types of knowledge and skills that should be assessed and the most appropriate format for an international assessment/survey. The session will begin with a briefing to explain the purpose of TIGAS (15 mins). This will be followed by a 75-minute discussion. These discussions will be audio recorded and transcribed for analysis.

Any information or personal details gathered in the course of the study are confidential, except as required by law. No individual will be identified in any publication of the results. The data will only be accessed by members of the TIGAS group. A summary of the key themes identified from the discussions will be made available on the TIGAS webpage www.tigas2023.com.

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary: you are not obliged to participate and if you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without having to give a reason and without consequence.

To participate in the social lab, it is expected that you will familiarise yourself with the Draft TIGAS Framework 2023 which can be accessed through the following link....

Social lab

Please make sure you complete the sign-in sheet.

The following are the set of questions that will guide the social lab:

1. With reference to the Framework, do you agree with the core concepts that have been outlined to represent the content domain (see pages 4- 6)? Do you

think that anything is missing should be changed or deleted?(think about your country's curriculum document)

2. The content domains are elaborated as outcomes. Do you think that the cognitive level is appropriate for Grade 8? (13-15 years old)
3. With reference to the content domain, do you believe that the target percentages in terms of assessment time are appropriate for Grade 8?
4. With reference to the cognitive domain, do you believe that the target percentages in terms of assessment time are appropriate for Grade 8? (pages 7-10. Please note that we have used the TIMSS framework for descriptions of the cognitive domain)
5. With reference to geographic practices, do you think that the framework captures the skills fundamental to the discipline of Geography (pages 10-11)? Do you think that anything is missing?
6. What other feedback do you have regarding the framework?