



**Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE) Network
Research Agenda Initiative Kick-Off Event
September 13, 2013**

OBJECTIVES

- Review existing research on MTB-MLE issues
- Identify gaps and needs for future research on MTB-MLE
- Consider how existing and future research has been and could be applied to designing and developing education programs and policies
- Begin to develop a framework for future research on MTB-MLE
- Identify next steps for carrying forward a research agenda

AGENDA

Time	Session Topics	Purpose and Outcomes	Presenters & Facilitators
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Welcome, participant introductions, overview of agenda	Understand the day's objectives; get to know each other	Alison Pflepsen (RTI International) and Pooja Nakamura (AIR), MTB-MLE Network Coordinators
9:30-10:45 a.m.	Mother tongue-based multilingual education: Advancing research-based understandings	Establish an understanding of existing research and some future research needs regarding MTB-MLE	Jessica Ball, University of Victoria, Canada
10:45-11:00 a.m.	<i>Break</i>		
11:00-12:15 p.m.	Research implications of cross-linguistic transfer and bilingual/bi-literacy development	Introduce key concepts and topics for future research	Sylvia Linan-Thompson, University of Texas, Austin
12:15-1:15 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>		
1:15-2:15 p.m.	What, when, and how: Developing and moving forward a research agenda <i>(small group discussions)</i>	Discuss and gather ideas on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics and key areas for future research • Challenges and opportunities for conducting and applying research • Resources needed and available for moving a research agenda forward • Communicating and involving a range of stakeholders globally 	Alison Pflepsen and Pooja Nakamura
2:15-3:00 p.m.	Presentation of small group reports and general discussion		Small groups report back
3:00-3:45 p.m.	Next steps and closure	Identify specific activities we can do to move the research agenda forward	Alison Pflepsen and Pooja Nakamura
3:45-4:00 p.m.	<i>Closure</i>		

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