Keynote Speech 3
International data on HED: Status and Prospects

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o International data on HED: current status (WHEC)

o Beyond the gaps: challenges ahead

o Beyond technicalities: institutional arrangements, purposes.

Current status

o Data availability: enrolment 2016-2019

Region	#		
Arab States	20	12	14
Central and Eastern Europe	21	6	20
Central Asia	9	6	7
East Asia and the Pacific	34	6	14
Latin America and the Caribbean	43	5	12
North America and Western Europe	31	3	26
South and West Asia	9	4	6
Sub-Saharan Africa	46	7	17
World total	213	49	116
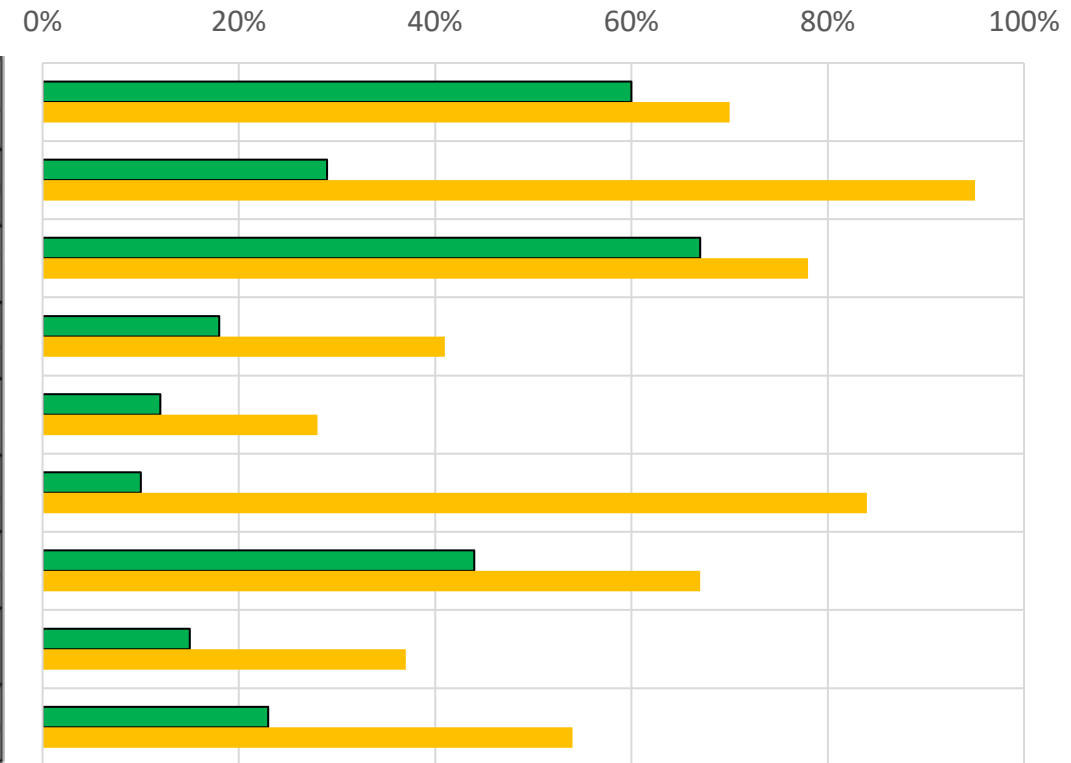
With data for 4/4 years

With data for 3-4/4 years

Current status (ii)

○ Data availability: graduates 2016-2019

Region	#			0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Arab States	20	2	5						
Central and Eastern Europe	21	8	1						
Central Asia	9	2	3						
East Asia and the Pacific	34	4	4						
Latin America and the Caribbean	43	2	2						
North America and Western Europe	31	8	-						
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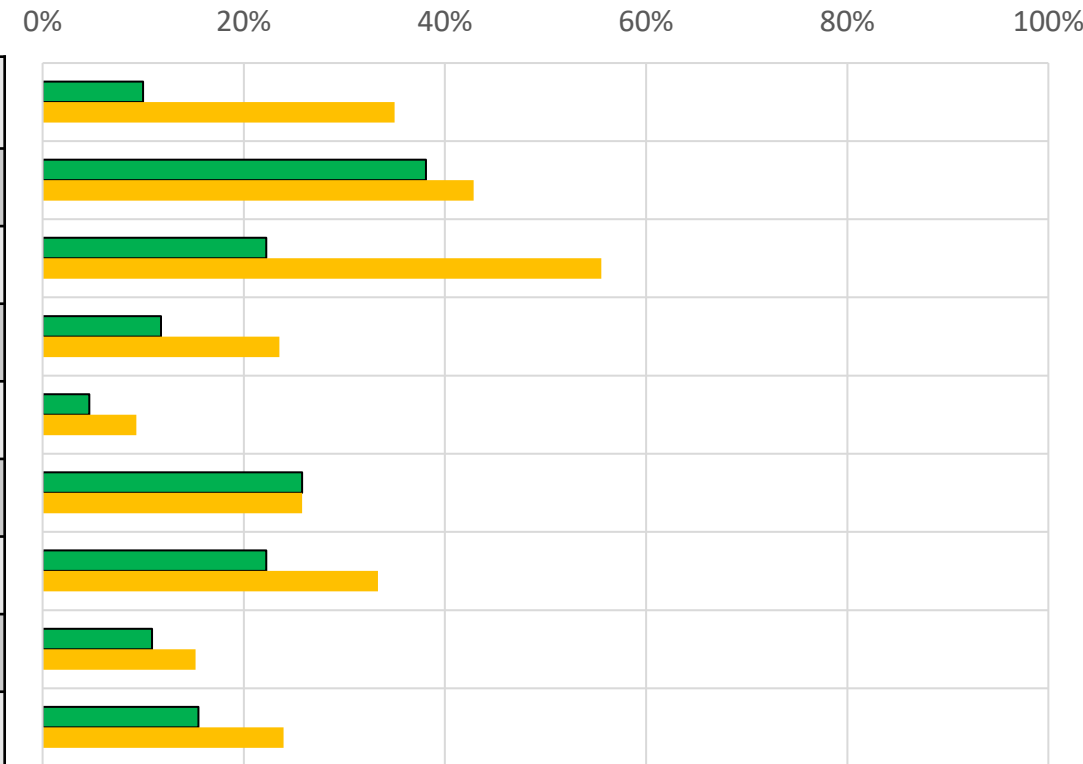
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Current status (iii)

o Data availability:

Similar situation regarding international mobility (with less stable figures); financing; and R&D.

Current status (iv)

Other sources of data:

o Repositories and CRIS

o Rankings

o World Higher Education Database (WHED) jointly managed by the International Association of Universities (IAU) and UNESCO

o Household and other specialised surveys

Beyond the gaps

Making data production responsive to a broader policy agenda (and the transformations of HED).

o HED and lifelong learning.

o Flexibility in programme organisation.

o International mobility and recognition of studies.

o Disciplinarity and interdisciplinarity.

o Academic and professional orientation.

o Sustainable Development.

o Equity.

At the same time

Fixing the gaps and addressing new issues entail much more than technical solutions:

o Why do we have these limitations (at institutional and at system level)? Diverse situations, not a single rule.

- Governance (at institutional level)
- Governance (at system level)
- System-level integration
- Resources