CONTEXT FORM  
(to be completed by ALL the applicants)

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TITLE OF THE SUBMITTED PAPER:

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NAME OF THE COUNTRY:

Please fill in as many of the following as completely as possible so that we understand the context of your paper.

| GENERAL (objective data) | Give a rough idea of the numbers of:  
| - children up to the age of 8 years;   
| - teachers for pre-primary and primary education.  
A short description of the National Education System (Please match grades with pupils’ age).  
If relevant, please explain whether the system is inherited from colonial period or is related to local traditions.  
Give information about what you consider and important feature in your country (e. g. the pillar of the network of monastic schools in Burma). |
| INCLUSIVENESS | Is the system totally inclusive?  
Are there special schools/classrooms for sensually impaired children (blind, deaf)?  
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| NATIONAL LANGUAGE(s) | List the national language(s) of the country.  
List the local languages (minorities).  
Is pre-primary / primary school carried out in the local languages? |
| MIGRANT / REFUGEE/MARGINALIZED STUDENTS | Is there a significant minority of migrating children (coming from other countries), of refugee children, of marginalized students?  
Are there specific rules for schools who take care of these children? Is there some help from the national/local government? |
| PRE-PRIMARY general | Is pre-primary education extended to the whole country?  
Which percentage of children are expected to enrol in pre-primary education? |
| PRE-PRIMARY textbooks | Do they exist?  
In what language (in the case of more local languages)?  
Is there only one national textbook? Or a limited number?  
Is there only one teachers’ guide? Or a limited number? |
| PRIMARY general | Is primary education extended to the whole country?  
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