



Themes for theme tables SICI General Assembly The Hague

Based on the rich set of proposed themes and issues, we came to these **7 coherent and impactful themes** for inspecting education, reflecting both strategic importance and contemporary relevance.

These themes will be discussed during the theme tables discussions for Chief Inspectors or Directors on Thursday 20 November.

1. Inclusion, Equity, and Interculturality in Education

Focus: How inspections can monitor and support inclusive practices, particularly in multicultural and socioeconomically diverse contexts.

Key subthemes:

- Inclusion policies and practices.
- Strategies for newcomers and migrant students.
- Intercultural pedagogy and equity in learning outcomes.

2. The Role of AI and Digital Tools in Inspection and Education

Focus: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and digital transformation in both educational settings and inspection processes.

Key subthemes:

- Implementation of AI in inspection preparation and conduct.
- Digital tools in classrooms.
- Cybersecurity, data ethics, and access equity.

3. Managing Inspection with Limited Resources: Small Systems, Big Responsibilities

Focus: Strategies and tools for effective inspection in small systems with limited evaluator capacity.

Key subthemes:

- Multi-type school inspections with a small team.
- Evaluating special/therapeutic schools with limited expertise.
- International best practices for small-scale inspectorates.

4. Scientific Evidence and Proven Practice in Educational Inspection

Focus: Ensuring inspection frameworks and decisions are grounded in evidence and effective practice.

Key subthemes:

- Research-based evaluation models.
- Impact assessment of inspection activities.
- Collaboration with academic and research institutions.

5. Building Trust and Coordination Across the Education System

Focus: Strengthening cooperation structures and trust among stakeholders to improve quality assurance and outcomes.

Key subthemes:

- Shared responsibility for quality development.
- Reliable data-sharing mechanisms.
- Coordinated improvement strategies from system to school level.

6. Flexibility and Innovation in a Changing Educational Landscape

Focus: Adapting inspection methods and forms to dynamic societal, technological, and pedagogical changes.

Key subthemes:

- Adapting inspection frameworks for innovation and change.
- Flexibility in inspection tools and cycles.
- Responsiveness to crises, budgetary constraints, and new challenges.

7. Future-Oriented Inspection as a Driver of School Improvement

Focus: Viewing inspection not only as control but as motivation and support for schools' development journeys.

Key subthemes:

- Positive motivation through evaluation.
- Supportive and professional feedback.
- Encouraging self-assessment and reflective practices.