

## Exhibit 1: Countries Participating in PIRLS 2016

Exhibit 1 shows the PIRLS 2016 countries and benchmarking participants. Altogether there were 61 participants in the PIRLS 2016 assessments, including 50 countries and 11 benchmarking entities. Some education systems within countries have always participated separately throughout IEA's long history (e.g., the French- and the Dutch-speaking parts of Belgium, Hong Kong SAR).

Australia	Kuwait
Austria	Latvia
Azerbaijan	Lithuania
Bahrain	Macao SAR
Belgium (Flemish)	Malta
Belgium (French)	Morocco
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Canada	New Zealand
Chile	Northern Ireland
Chinese Taipei	Norway (5)
Czech Republic	Oman
Denmark	Poland
Egypt	Portugal
England	Qatar
Finland	Russian Federation
France	Saudi Arabia
Georgia	Singapore
Germany	Slovak Republic
Hong Kong SAR	Slovenia
Hungary	South Africa
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	Spain
Ireland	Sweden
Israel	Trinidad and Tobago
Italy	United Arab Emirates
Kazakhstan	United States

### Benchmarking Participants

Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 Ontario, Canada  
 Quebec, Canada  
 Denmark (3)  
 Norway (4)  
 Moscow City, Russian Federation  
 Eng/Afr/Zulu - RSA (5)  
 Andalusia, Spain  
 Madrid, Spain  
 Abu Dhabi, UAE  
 Dubai, UAE

Note: Norway chose to assess the fifth grade to obtain better comparisons with Sweden and Finland but also collected benchmark data at the fourth grade to maintain previous trends. The Republic of South Africa (RSA) benchmarked at the fifth grade with schools where students have instruction in English, Afrikaans, or Zulu.

