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15-16 June 2017

Shenzhen, People's Republic of China

Final Agenda

As of 13 June 2017

| Day 1: Thursday, 15 June 2017 at Shenzhen Hall, 2 nd Floor | |
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| Time | Session |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | <p>Opening Session</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Gwang-Jo Kim, Director, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Thailand ▪ Mr. Li Ming, Director, UNESCO International Centre for Higher Education Innovation (UNESCO-ICHEI) in Shenzhen, P.R. China ▪ Representative from the Shenzhen Municipal Government ▪ Mr. Du Yue, Secretary-General, National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO <p>Group Photo</p> |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee Break |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | <p>Overview of Results from the Pre-Conference Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Jihye Hwang, Program Specialist, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Thailand |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | <p>Keynote Address I: Shifting Focus from Teaching to Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Teri Balsler, Professor and Dean of Learning and Teaching, Faculty of Science and Engineering at Curtin, Australia <p>Chair: Mr. Julian Prospero Estabillo De Vera, Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Philippines</p> |

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| | <p>Session objectives: Our theories of learning influence teaching and assessment practices – and hopefully our thinking as members of external quality agencies. This session will review models and assumptions about learning.</p> |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | <p>Panel Discussion I: Challenges and opportunities for measuring learning outcomes of higher education in Asia-Pacific</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Michaela Martin, Programme Specialist, UNESCO International Institute for Education Planning, Paris, France ▪ Mr. Eddy Chong Siong Choy, Chief Technical Officer, Finance Accreditation Agency, Malaysia <p>Chair: Mr. Libing Wang, Chief, Section for Educational Innovation and Skills Development (EISD), UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Thailand</p> <p>Session objectives: Two panellists will briefly summarize new trends and drivers for strengthening quality assurance in higher education in Asia-Pacific and gather inputs from conference participants</p> |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch at Redbud Court Cafeteria, 1 st Floor |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | <p>Keynote Speech II: Education 2030 – Strengthening quality assurance of lifelong learning systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Yuto Kitamura, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education, The University of Tokyo, Japan <p>Chair: Mr. Peter Wells, Chief, Section for Higher Education, UNESCO, Paris, France</p> <p>Session objectives: Raise awareness about the development of quality tools to support implementation of Education 2030/SDG4 including the 2011 Tokyo Convention (e.g. ongoing developments in recognition, quality assurance and qualification frameworks and their complementary actions) and opportunities to enhance mobility through policy linkages</p> |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | <p>Panel Discussion II: Education 2030 – Aligning institutional, national and regional strategies to strengthen quality assurance</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Jianxin Zhang, President of the Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN), Member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation International Quality Group (CIQG) and Advisory Council ▪ Mr. P.S.M. Gunaratne, Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka ▪ Ms. Nantana Gajaseni, Executive Director, ASEAN University Network, Thailand |

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| | <p>Chair: Mr. Yue Kan, Professor and Assistant Dean of College of Education, Zhejiang University, P.R. China</p> <p>Session objectives: Connect multiple quality assurance initiatives in Asia-Pacific to promote synergies and cross-fertilization</p> |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | <p>Special Address: Reflecting on the Development of China’s Higher Education Quality Assurance System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Zhou Aijun, Deputy Director-General, Higher Education Evaluation Centre, Ministry of Education, P.R. China <p>Chair: Mr. Gwang-Jo Kim, Director, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Thailand</p> |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | <p>Coffee Break and Gallery Walk (Exhibition Space)</p> <p>Showcase of Good Practices in Quality Assurance in Asia-Pacific</p> <p>Session objectives: Member States and participants are invited to showcase their work and models on quality assurance, including publications and briefing materials during a gallery walk</p> |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | <p>Thematic Session: Nurturing Caring Leaders Through Quality Higher Education (Shenzhen Hall)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Joshua Ka Ho Mok, Professor and Vice-President, Lam Man Tsan Chair Professor of Comparative Policy, Lingnan University, Hong Kong SAR, P.R. China <p>Chair: Ms. Melesete Lino-Mariner, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Quality Assurance Division, Samoa Qualifications Authority, Samoa</p> |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | <p>The Wall: Gathering inputs for the Shenzhen outcome document (Optional)</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Wesley Teter, Senior Consultant, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Bangkok, Thailand <p>Session objectives: Conference participants and delegates may raise open issues from the day and address emerging priorities or questions to include in the conference outcome document</p> |
| 18:30 | <p>Welcome reception and cultural event Venue : Redbud Court Cafeteria, 1st Floor</p> |

Day 2: Friday, 16 June 2017 at Shenzhen Hall, 2nd Floor

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| 9:00 – 9:15 | <p>Introduction to Day Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Libing Wang, Chief, Section for Educational Innovation and Skills Development (EISD), UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Thailand |
| 9:15 – 9:45 | <p>Opening Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Wang Lisheng, Director-General, China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC), P.R. China |
| 9:45 – 10:15 | <p>Keynote speech III: Quality assurance of diverse modes of learning – Towards a learner centred model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Mohamad Dzafir Mustafa, Director, Institutional Audit Division, Malaysia Qualifications Agency, Malaysia <p>Chair: Ms. Chantavit Sujatanond, Director, SEAMEO Regional Institute for Higher Education and Development (RIHED), Thailand</p> <p>Session objectives: Assess a national case study from Malaysia on quality assurance policies and practices for non-traditional modes of learning (e.g. Open and Distance Learning programs, MOOCs, informal learning etc.)</p> |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | Coffee Break |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | <p>Panel Discussion III: Quality assurance of diverse modes of learning</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Melesete Lino Mariner, Director of Quality Assurance, Samoa Qualifications Authority, Samoa ▪ Mr. Ojat Darajat, Focal Point on Quality for the Asian Region, International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE); Chairman of the Institute for Development of Learning Materials, Examination, and Information System, Universitas Terbuka, Indonesia ▪ Mr. Sulaiman Ahmad, Director, Quality Assurance Agency, Higher Education Commission, Government of Pakistan <p>Chair: Mr. Roger Chao Jr., Senior Consultant of UNESCO International Centre for Higher Education Innovation (ICHEI), P.R. China</p> <p>Session objectives: Summarize new trends and issues for quality assurance of diverse modes of learning (including public and private higher education)</p> |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch at Redbud Court Cafeteria, 1 st Floor |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Interactive Sessions |

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| | <p>Participants will break into four groups and share their countries' policies and practices on quality assurance in higher education.</p> <p>Themes and facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group A: Building a culture of quality: Internal quality assurance Mr Robert Fearnside , Deputy Executive Director, Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) Venue: 2nd FLOOR, SHENZHEN HALL ▪ Group B: Communicating about quality: External quality assurance Mr. Akuila Savu, Team Leader Quality Assurance, Fiji Higher Education Commission, Fiji Venue: 2nd FLOOR, SHENZHEN HALL ▪ Group C: Aligning harmonization efforts in Asia and the Pacific Mr. Michael Hörig, Head of Section, Development Cooperation: Partnership Programmes and Higher Education Management, DAAD, Germany and Expert for SHARE, a project of ASEAN and the EU Venue: 3rd FLOOR, HUANGSHAN HALL ▪ Group D: Capacity development for quality Assurance in Asia-Pacific Ms. Michaela Martin, Programme Specialist, UNESCO International Institute for Education Planning, Paris, France Venue: 3rd FLOOR, TAISHAN HALL <p>Session objectives: Collect country case study reports to take stock of innovative policies and practices at system, institution, and programme levels</p> |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | <p>Working Group Synthesis & Discussion (Q&A)</p> <p>Venue: 2nd FLOOR, SHENZHEN HALL</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Peter Wells, Chief, Section for Higher Education, UNESCO, Paris, France</p> <p>Session Objectives: Share highlights from group discussions with an aim to contribute a consolidated regional report on quality assurance of higher education in Asia-Pacific</p> |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | <p>Coffee break</p> |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | <p>The Wall: Open issues from the message board</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Wesley Teter, Senior Consultant, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Bangkok, Thailand <p>Session Objectives: Conference participants and delegates may raise open issues from the day to address emerging priorities and questions</p> |

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| 16:30 – 17:00 | <p>Next Steps and Closing</p> <p>Review draft outcome statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Eddy Chong Siong Choy, Chief Technical Officer, Finance Accreditation Agency, Malaysia <p>Closing remarks for the Asia-Pacific consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Gwang-Jo Kim, Director, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Thailand ▪ Mr. Li Ming, Director, UNESCO International Centre for Higher Education Innovation (UNESCO-ICHEI) in Shenzhen, P.R. China <p>Session objectives: Review and approve draft regional synthesis report and statement on quality assurance in higher education in Asia-Pacific</p> |
| 17:00 | Evening free |