



3rd Asia-Pacific Regional Policy Forum on Early Childhood Care and Education
Theme: “Taking SDG 4.2 from Policy to Action”
5-6 June 2018
Yak and Yeti Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

Programme

Monday, 4 June 2018

Time	Programme
14:00 – 17:00	Pre-Registration

Tuesday, 5 June 2018

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08:00 – 08:30	Registration
09:00 – 10:10	<p>Joint Opening Ceremony of the Asia-Pacific Regional Policy Forum on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and the 2018 Asia-Pacific Regional Early Childhood Development (ECD) Conference</p> <p>National Anthem of Nepal</p> <p>Inauguration by Right Honourable Prime Minister, Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal</p> <p>Chaired by Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokharel, Honourable Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Government of Nepal</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sheldon, Shaeffer Chair, Board of Directors, ARNEC • Ms. Jean Gough, Regional Director, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA)
Grand Regal Ballroom	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi, Regional Director, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education • Mr. Lu Mai, Secretary General, CDRF (host of 2015 ARNEC Regional Conference in Beijing, China)
10:10 – 10:30	Coffee/Tea Break
10:10 – 10:30 Regency Hall	Press Conference (MoEST, UNICEF, UNESCO, ARNEC)
10:30 – 11:30 Grand Regal Ballroom	<p>Keynote Address <i>Implementation Research, Practice and Partnerships: Informing a Multisectoral Approach to ECD</i> Chair: Dr. Mae Chu Chang, ARNEC Board of Directors</p> <p>Dr. Aisha Yousafzai Associate Professor of Global Health Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard T.H. Chan, School of Public Health</p>
11:30 – 12:30 Grand Regal Ballroom	<p><i>Nepal's Progress and Plans on Early Childhood Development (ECD)</i></p> <p>Dr. Teertha Raj Dhakal, Joint Secretary National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal</p>
12:30 – 14:00 Garden Area	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30 Crystal Hall	<p>Ministerial roundtable I: Setting the Stage Co-Chairs: Hon Giriraj Mani Pokhrel, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Nepal</p> <p>Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi, Regional Director, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening • <i>Synthesis of the Putrajaya Declaration Follow-up Reports</i> by Dr. Mugyeong Moon, Korea Institute of Child Care and Education • <i>Monitoring SDG Target 4.2</i> by Ms. Maki Hayashikawa, Chief, Section for Inclusive Quality Education (IQE), UNESCO Bangkok



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Measuring Early Childhood Development in the SDGs: UNICEF's Ongoing Activities on Indicator 4.2.1</i> by Ms. Urmila Sarkar, Regional Education Advisor, UNICEF South Asia (ROSA) • Q & A
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee/Tea Break
15:45 – 18:00 Crystal Hall	<p>Ministerial roundtable II Co-Chairs: Mr. Ahmed Shafeeu, Minister of State for Education, Ministry of Education, Maldives</p> <p>Mr. Philippe Cori, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates on ECCE status ○ Challenges implementing and monitoring SDG 4.2 ○ Best practices in implementing and monitoring SDG 4.2
18:45 – 20:30 Grand Regal Ballroom	Welcome dinner by the host country

Wednesday, 6 June 2018

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09:00 - 09:05 Grand Regal Ballroom	<p>Announcements and Reminders for the day</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Margaret Sims, ARNEC Steering Committee Member</p>
09:05 – 10:00 Grand Regal Ballroom	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Dr. Pia Britto, Chief and Senior Advisor, Early Childhood Development, UNICEF, New York</p>
10:00 – 10:15 Grand Regal Ballroom	<p>Short presentation on China's Poverty alleviation and ECD: From pilot to Policy</p>



	Mr. Lui Mai , Secretary General, China Development Research Foundation (CDRF)
10:15 – 11:00 Grand Regal Ballroom	<i>Presentation of the Nurturing Care Framework for early childhood development: A framework for helping children SURVIVE and THRIVE to TRANSFORM health and human potential</i> Ms. Sheila Manji , Project Consultant World Health Organization, Geneva
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee/Tea Break
11:15 – 12:45 Grand Regal Ballroom	The Regional ECD Conference Sub-theme 3: Presentation on Early Learning Chair: Ms. Urmila Sarkar , Regional Education Advisor, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA) Introductory presentation: Ms. Ameena Mohamed Didi Education Specialist and ECD Focal Point UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA) Presentations from the Region/countries: <i>Mapping of early learning interventions in South Asia (Collaboration between UNICEF-ROSA and ARNEC)</i> Dr. Emma Pearson Senior Lecturer, Bishop Grosseteste University, United Kingdom <i>Promoting Evidence-based, Accelerated School Readiness at Scale in Lao PDR: Experiences from Plan International’s LEARN Project</i> Ms. Jodie Fonseca LEARN Project Director, Plan International, Laos <i>Experiences of Myanmar in Implementing the East Asia Pacific - Early Child Development Scales (EAP-ECDS)</i> Dr. Aye Aye Myint Rector, Yangon University of Education



	Moderated Q&A
12:45 – 14:00 Garden Area	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:30 Crystal Hall	<p>Ministerial Roundtable III: Introducing Regional Action Plan Chair: Ms. Urmila Sarkar, Regional Education Advisor, UNICEF South Asia (ROSA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview of the Regional Action Plan</i> by Ms. Maki Hayashikawa, Chief, Section for Inclusive Quality Education (IQE), UNESCO Bangkok • Q & A
14:30 – 15:30 Crystal Hall, Senate, Regency & Balcony Hall	<p>Sub-regional Discussion (breakout session)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions in sub-regional groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central Asia - East Asia - Pacific - Southeast Asia - South & West Asia
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee/Tea Break
15:45 – 17:10 Crystal Hall	<p>Ministerial roundtable IV: Adoption of Regional Action Plan Co Chairs: Mr. Khaga Raj Baral, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Nepal Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi, Regional Director, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting back by sub-regional groups • Adoption of Regional Action Plan
17:10 – 17:40 Crystal Hall	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Philippe Cori, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA)



- Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi, Regional Director, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education
- Mr. Khaga Raj Baral, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Nepal

