



ASEM LLL HUB CONFERENCE 2016: LIFELONG LEARNING AND RESILIENCE IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT: ASIAN AND EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES

8-10th November 2016

RATIONALE

1. The world has seen more and more disasters affecting a greater population for recent years. According to the World Bank's "Natural Disaster Hotspots: A Global Risk Analysis" report, more than 160 countries have more than a quarter of their populations in areas of high mortality risks from one or more natural disasters. Man-made disasters and potential conflicts pose additional threat to the already serious damage caused by natural hazards, hence a necessity in disaster management and resiliency to mitigate the toll of those risks. As disaster management is a continuous process with no specific end point, it is relevant to address it in the context of lifelong learning where resiliency should be emphasised as "the ability to prevent disasters and crises as well as to anticipate, absorb, accommodate or recover from them in a timely, efficient and sustainable manner"¹.
2. ASEAN has reached mutual agreements to express its concern for the impacts of disasters and call for the promotion of regional resilience through action plans such as Vientiane Action Programme 2004-2010, the ASEAN Regional Programme on Disaster Management for 2004-2010, and more recently, the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), signed in 2005, entered into force in December 2009, emphasising the priority to disaster risk reduction thus enabling a more proactive framework.
3. Realising the importance of preparing school leaders, teachers, students and local communities on managing and maintaining the delivery of education services during

¹ <http://www.fao.org/emergencies/how-we-work/resilience/en/>

emergencies such as conflicts, extreme weather and natural disaster, SEAMEO has identified Resiliency in the face of Emergencies as one of the 7 Priority Areas on Education for the next twenty years (2015-2035) following a ministerial meeting in September 2014 in Lao PDR.

4. In line with the SEAMEO 7 Priority Areas Action Plan 2016-2020, SEAMEO CELLL responds to ASEM-LLL Hub Secretariat in jointly holding the international conference on Lifelong Learning and Resilience in Disaster Management: Asian and European Perspectives, which is one of the key events of ASEM-LLL Hub in the year 2016.

OBJECTIVES

1. To identify what is perceived as 'burning issues' in relation to education, lifelong learning and disaster management in the coming years.
2. To look at how the vision of lifelong learning and resilience is renewed within different fields of research and what impact it has, or will have, on policy in those areas and in the field of disaster management.
3. To provide research-informed policy recommendations to policymakers and practitioners in terms of lifelong learning with a focus on disaster management and resiliency in the face of emergencies.

DATES AND VENUE

The workshop will be held

- At REX Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Blvd., Ben Nghe Ward, District 1, HCMC, Vietnam (website: <http://www.rexhotelvietnam.com/>)
- On 8-10th November 2016.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

A. *Opening Plenary Sessions:*

Four keynote speakers shall be invited to discuss the Conference's overall theme of Lifelong Learning and Resilience in Disaster Management from the perspectives of both Asia and Europe (two from Europe and two from Asia, including one from the SEAMEO Secretariat). A Q&A Session will follow each keynote presentation.

B. *Parallel Workshop Sessions:*

Four parallel workshops shall be held following the opening plenary session under the

following sub-themes:

- (1) Risk identification and Preparedness
- (2) Restoring Heritage
- (3) Resilient Recovery
- (4) Risk Reduction and Prevention

C. Commentaries:

Three speakers from the Danish Ministry of Education, Denmark, DVV-International and ASPBAE shall be invited to give commentaries between keynote presentations to add additional insights into the discussion from different perspectives.

D. Panel Discussion:

A panel discussion will be held towards the end of the conference to consolidate key messages from the parallel workshops.

E. Closing Plenary Session:

The closing plenary session shall consist of the formulation of recommendations, conference synthesis and closing speeches.

The full program can be found at the tentative agenda attached.

ORGANISERS AND AUDIENCE

The conference is organised by the Danish School of Education, Aarhus University (ASEM LLL Hub); in cooperation with Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Danish Ministry for Children, Education and Gender Equality, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization – SEAMEO Regional Centre for Lifelong Learning (SEAMEO CELLL) and Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF).

The conference seeks to engage representatives from all 32 European member states and 19 Asian countries under the auspices of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). The expected number of participants to the Conference is 100. All of them are researchers, policymakers, scholars, practitioners on lifelong learning and resilience.

LOGISTICS

The participants or the organizations / institutes that send the delegation shoulder the cost of transportation to and from the workshop venue and accommodations (if any). Lunches and snacks are included during the meeting.

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LANGUAGE OF THE WORKSHOP

The working language of the workshop is ENGLISH.

REGISTRATION

Registration form for participants:

<http://www.seameocelll.org/registration-asemlhubconference2016.html>

Deadline of registration is **30 September 2016**

SEAMEO CELLL will shortlist the number of participants and confirm your attendance within 3 working days.

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