

THE GLOBAL LIFELONG LEARNING SUMMIT 2022

Maximising the Socio-economic Impact of Lifelong Learning

1 – 2 November 2022 | 8.50am

Pan Pacific Singapore

The Institute for Adult Learning (IAL) and SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) will be jointly organising Singapore's inaugural Global Lifelong Learning Summit on 1 and 2 November 2022.

The Summit aspires to be a new national, regional and international platform for urgent dialogue on how lifelong learning can support inclusive economic growth, and help workers adapt to increasingly rapid changes to their workplace and their work requirements. The theme for the inaugural Summit is '*Maximising the Socio-Economic Impact of Lifelong Learning*'. We wish to bring together governments and international organisations, educational institutions, enterprises and champions of less traditional forms of adult learning, to learn from one another, generate new ideas, and seed future collaborations.

Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam will grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour and helm the opening dialogue of the Summit. Minister for Education, Chan Chun Sing, will in turn helm the closing session. The Summit will be a fast-paced series of panel sessions with a varied slate of over 30 international speakers to advance the dialogue with their experience and insights.

To ensure international and regional salience, SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) and the Institute for Adult Learning (IAL) are organising the Summit in partnership with the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Lifelong Learning Hub; the International Labour Organisation (ILO); the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL).

The Summit will be conducted in hybrid format, and we wish to invite industry partners, representatives from ministries and government agencies as well as international organisations and academics from Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) to participate in the Summit. For global participants who are unable to join us, the hybrid format will allow us to live-stream the event for your convenience.

Please mark the event dates on your calendar and email GLLS@ial.edu.sg to express your interest and we will forward the details for registration in the coming weeks. You may find the provisional programme attached with this information brief.

DAY 1

1 NOVEMBER 2022

*0850 Welcome Address**0900 International Partner Session 1**UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)*

“Models for Lifelong Learning Policy Development and Implementation in UNESCO Member States”

The session focuses on UIL's recent publication and standard-setting instrument titled *Making Lifelong Learning a Reality: A Handbook*. This handbook provides information, evidence and basic conceptual models to facilitate the adoption of lifelong learning in national and local settings. It provides evidence from diverse initiatives and describes some of the contemporary issues to which lifelong learning responds.

Speakers:

- David Atchoarena, Director, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Germany
- Aaron Benavot, Professor of Global Education Policy in the School of Education at the University at Albany, United States
- Dae Joong Kang, President, National Institute for Lifelong Education (NILE), Republic of Korea

*1020 Break**1045 International Partner Session 2**International Labour Organisation (ILO)*

“Micro-Credentials: Promoting Lifelong Learning and Careers”

The session aims to raise awareness of challenges and opportunities associated with the implementation of micro-credentials, as well as highlight successful examples emerging from private and public initiatives. This discussion will be of particular interest to policy makers, social partner representatives and training institution managers etc.

Welcoming words:

- Srinivas Reddy, Skills and Employability Branch Chief, ILO Geneva

Expert Discussion

- Mami Kyo, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United States
- Pedro Moreno Da Fonseca, Technical Specialist, ILO, Geneva (Moderator)

Panellists:

- Didit Aditya, Indonesian Trade Union Confederation (KSPI), Indonesia
- Atul Sobti, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), India
- Khairul Salleh bin Mohamed Sahari, Malaysian Qualifications Agency, Malaysia

*1205 Lunch**1330 Session 1*

“A Lifelong Learning Ecosystem for Socio-Economic Resilience”

Dialogue with Guest of Honour **Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Singapore**

This dialogue serves as an overall frame for the GLLS and will discuss how we can progress towards a future-ready lifelong learning ecosystem; the nexus between enterprise transformation and the education and training system; as well as the socio-economic implications and possible impact of lifelong learning.

DAY 1 CONTINUED

1 NOVEMBER 2022

1430 Break

1455 Session 2

“The Future of Work is Now: Workplace Learning for a Future-Ready Workforce”

This session will examine the role of lifelong learning in ushering in and supporting the future of work, and deliberate on the conditions, models, and mechanisms required for a future-ready lifelong learning and skills ecosystem in meeting the re-skilling agenda

Panelists:

- Martin Hirzel, President, Swissmem, Switzerland
- Richard Koh, Founder and Group CEO, M-DAQ, Singapore
- Papia Debroy, Senior Vice President, Opportunity@Work, United States
- Zhang Zhengjun, VP, Huawei Asia-Pacific, China

Moderator: Jeanne Liew, Principal and CEO, Nanyang Polytechnic, Singapore

1615 Showcase of Innovative Lifelong Learning Initiatives

1655 Day 1 Closing Address

- END OF DAY 1 ACTIVITIES -

DAY 2

2 NOVEMBER 2022

0850 International Partner Session 1 Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

“Working Together to Adapt Better to Changing Skills Needs”

This expert panel will showcase successful examples of international initiatives, aim at raising awareness about the importance of collaborations between the public and private sectors to develop future-ready adult learning policies, align better changing skills needs, and strengthen the adaptability of workers.

Opening remarks:

- Younes Sekkouri, Minister of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skills, Morocco (video message or live- stream)
- Mark Keese, Head of Skills and Employability Division, OECD, France

Speakers:

- Glenda Quintini, Senior Economist, OECD, France (Moderator)
- Stephen Moret, President and CEO, Strada Education Network, United States
- Christen Bollig, Senior Vice President, Consumer Operations, General Assembly, United States
- Ruaidhri Neavyn, Special Adviser on Higher Education Policy Development, Higher Education Authority, Ireland (live- stream)

DAY 2 CONTINUED

2 NOVEMBER 2022

0950 International Partner Session 2

Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Lifelong Learning Hub

“Enabling Capital for Lifelong Learners”

Discussants:

- Séamus Ó Tuama, Director, ACE (Adult Continuing Education) & Chair, ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub, Ireland
- Cathal O’Connell, Professor, School of Applied Studies, UCC and a member of the Adult Education Board at University College Cork, Ireland
- Shalini Singh, Adjunct Professor, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya India
- Carmel Berendi, University of Pécs, EUCEN, Hungary

1050 Break

1115 Session 1

“Continuous Education v2: How Institutions can Innovate and Adapt”

The education and training (E&T) system is facing pressure to step up its provisions for LL. This session will debate and deliberate on the future directions of E&T systems.

Panellists:

- Lily Kong, President, Singapore Management University, Singapore
- Christen Bollig, Senior Vice President, General Assembly, United States
- Andreas Schleicher, Director, Directorate of Education and Skills, OECD, France

Moderator: David Atchoarena, Director, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Germany

1230 Lunch

1340 Session 2

“A Future-Ready Lifelong Learning Ecosystem” Dialogue with Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education, Singapore

This session explores how a country and society might put forward a strategy for a future-ready lifelong learning ecosystem, addresses important points brought up in the previous sessions, and discusses approaches and models adopted by different countries, as well as their applicability.

1500 Summit Closing Address

1515 Networking Tea | END OF EVENT