



Transforming Higher Education in the Age of AI

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
ONLINE EDUCATION (IIOE)
Global Partners Summit

December 7-9, 2023
Shenzhen, China



Concept Note

I. Meeting Title

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II. Meeting Background

During the UNESCO Digital Learning Week in early September this year, the "Guidance for generative AI in education and research" was officially released to not only provide the guidelines of using AI, but also propose on regulations on the use of Artificial intelligence (AI). AI is transforming all aspects of our societies, including higher education. AI has the potential to enhance human capacity, promote educational innovation, and ensure sustainable development, but it also poses significant challenges and risks for the quality, equity and academic integrity of higher education. Therefore, it is crucial to steer AI innovation towards the common good of humanity and to empower teachers and learners to harness the benefits of AI for teaching and learning.

The 2023 IIOE Global Partners Summit aims to bring together education ministers, policy-makers, researchers, practitioners, and enterprises from around the world to discuss the opportunities and challenges of AI for higher education. The meeting will address topics such as: How does AI impact higher education governance and policies on the national and institutional level? How will teacher professional development change and evolve with challenges and development of AI technologies? The meeting will also showcase some of the best practices and innovative examples of using AI in higher education from different regions and contexts, by different HEIs and market providers.

Finally, the meeting will release a white paper on the integration of AI and higher education. This meeting will provide a platform for dialogue, collaboration and networking among the participants. Well-rounded participation and discussions

from diverse perspectives will ensure that the meeting produces a constructive and inclusive white paper.

III. Meeting Objectives

- Release a white paper on the integration of AI and Higher Education.
- Share case studies and best practices from global partners.
- Share AI in education solutions, connect IIOE partner HEIs with AI solution providers, and promote academia-industry partnership.
- Release IIOE Platform Intelligent Teaching Assistant (iTA).

IV. Meeting Time

December 7-9, 2023

V. Meeting Location

1. December 7-8, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China
2. December 9, Shenzhen or Guangzhou, or Hong Kong SAR, China

VI. Participants

Presidents, Vice Chancellors, and representatives of IIOE partner higher education institutions, ministers and representatives of ministry of education, senior executives and representatives of IIOE partner enterprises, officials and experts from UNESCO, and representatives from higher education research institutes and think tanks.

VII. Meeting Format

All speakers will be in-person. Participants are encouraged to participate in person as well. The meeting will provide online live streaming. Simultaneous interpretations in 3 languages (Chinese, English, French) will be provided.

Online live streaming Zoom registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_r5l04U2uTsanKBZX5g89PA

VIII. Meeting Organisers

Supervised by:

- Secretariat of the National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO

Organised by:

- UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE)
- International Centre for Higher Education Innovation under the auspices of UNESCO (UNESCO-ICHEI)
- Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech)
- Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM, 2023 IIOE Rotating Presidency Unit)

IX. Meeting Homepage

Meeting homepage: <https://licheievent.net/>

You can find all the information, updated agenda, introductions of speakers, news, photos, presentations on the meeting homepage.

X. Meeting Agenda (draft)

Emcee: Su Rui, Chief of Knowledge Production and Communications Centre, UNESCO-ICHEI

Time & Location		Activities
December 6 Wednesday	All day	Arrival and hotel check-in
December 7 Thursday SUSTech Convention Centre, 1088 Xueyuan Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, China	8:30-9:00	Registration
	9:00-9:30	Opening Remarks Moderator: Jin Li, Director of UNESCO-ICHEI 1. Remarks by UNESCO China NatCom representative 2. Remarks by UNESCO Education Sector representative 3. Remarks by Mr. Zhan Tao, Director of UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE) 4. Remarks by Jiang Hong, Chairperson of University Council, Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech)
	9:30-10:30	Keynote Speech (15 minutes each) Moderator: Firmin Edouard Matoko, Former Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations 1. Dragan Gasevic, Distinguished Professor of Learning Analytics in the Faculty of Information Technology, Monash University, Australia 2. Zheng Nanning, IEEE Fellow, Academician from the Chinese Academy of Engineering 3. Ma Yanjun, General Manager of Baidu AI Platform and Ecosystem 4. Global AI Expert (TBC)

	10:30-10:45	Tea Break
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December 7 Thursday SUSTech Convention Centre, 1088 Xueyuan Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, China	Forum 1: Higher Education Governance in the AI Era Moderator: Tang Qian, Former Assistant Director General of Education, UNESCO	
	10:45-12:15	Keynote Speech (15minutes) AI Governance in Higher Education Institutions Zhu Zhiting, Emeritus Professor at East China Normal University, Doctoral Advisor in Educational Technology, Distinguished Consultant of UNESCO-ICHEI
		Themed Presentations (10 minutes each) - Mona Abdel-Aal Elzahry, Executive Director of Education Strategy Administration, Ain Shams University, Egypt - Chris Maiyaki, Acting Executive Secretary National Universities Commission, Nigeria - Bi Xin, Director of Knowledge and Information Center, Xi 'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China

		Roundtable Discussions (35 minutes) • Li Baorong, Chairman, Chinese Public Administration Society • Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman of Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan • Johnson Nyarko Boampong, Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana • Kawunga Nyirenda, Acting Vice Chancellor, Mulungushi University, Zambia • Yusuf Kiranda, The University Secretary, Makerere University, Uganda
	12:15-12:30	Group photo

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December 7 Thursday SUSTech Convention Centre,	12:30-13:30	Lunch
	Forum 2: Higher Education Teacher Professional Development in the AI Era Moderator: Freddy Boey, President of City University of Hong Kong (TBC)	



1088 Xueyuan Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, China		Themed Presentations (10 minutes each) • Cecilia Chan, Director of Teaching and Learning Innovation Centre, The University of Hong Kong, China • Kritsachai Somsaman (Aj. Morn), Director, SEAMEO STEM-ED • Teresa Hattingh, Engineering Education Specialist, Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
	13:30-14:30	Roundtable Discussions (30 minutes) • Abdurhman Almedaires, Director General, UNESCO Regional Center for Quality and Excellence in Education (RCQE), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia • Zhang Jing, Huawei EBG Talent Development • Moussa LO, Rector, Cheikh Hamidou KANE Digital University, Senegal • Representative of Seewo
	14:30-14:45	Tea Break

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December 7 Thursday	Forum 3: Micro-certification for Higher Education Teacher Professional Development Moderator: Peter Wells, Chief of Education, UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa (ROSA)	

SUSTech Convention Centre, 1088 Xueyuan Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, China		
	14:45-15:45	Themed Presentations (10 minutes each) • Sit Fung, Chief of IIOE Management Centre, UNESCO-ICHEI • Paulina Pannen, Coordinator of Indonesia IIOE Indonesia National Centre, Chairperson of Indonesia Cyber Education Institute (ICE-I), Universitas Terbuka; Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology, Indonesia
		Roundtable Discussions (30 minutes) • Bali Nourdine, Vice-rector in charge of the higher education of graduation, continuing education and degrees, University of Science and Technology Houari Boumediene (USTHB), Algeria • Chitra Bahadur Budhathoki, Dean of Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University (TU), Nepal • Zawawi Ismail, Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Malaya, Malaysia • Xing Taiquan, Director of International Affairs, OS-Easy
	15:45-16:00	Tea Break

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December 7 Thursday	Forum 4: Innovation and Applications of AI in Higher Education Teaching and Learning Moderator: Prof. Paul Prinsloo, Research Professor in Open Distance Learning, University of South Africa

SUSTech Convention Centre, 1088 Xueyuan Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, China	16:00-17:00	Themed Presentations (10 minutes each) • Grace Oakley, Associate Professor and Deputy Dean of the Graduate School of Education, University of Western Australia, Australia • Marat Rakhmatullaev, Professor of Tashkent University of Information Technologies, Team-leader of HEREs (Uzbekistan Higher Education Reform Experts), Uzbekistan • Zhao Junjun, CEO of ZhiXueYun (Beijing) Technology Co.,Ltd
		Roundtable Discussions (30 minutes) • Kean Tak, Vice Rector, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia • Nurbek Teleshaliyev, Chief of Education, UNESCO Almaty Regional Office • Florence Mtambanengwe, Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs Executive Director for Research, Innovation and Industrialisation, University of Zimbabwe • Jaime Alberto Palma Mendoza, Professor at Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico
	17:00-17:15	Tea Break
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December 7 Thursday	Forum 5: Digital Environment and Management of HEIs in the AI Era Moderator: Anasse Bouhlal, Education Specialist, UNESCO Doha Office	

SUSTech Convention Centre, 1088 Xueyuan Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, China	17:15-18:15	Themed Presentations (10 minutes each) • Waqar Mehmood, Director of Al-Khawarazmi Institute of Computer Science, University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan • Chen Wenzhi, Director of ICT Centre, Zhejiang University
		Roundtable Discussions (30 minutes) • Jeilu Oumer Hussien, Academic Vice President, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia • Zoltán Vörös, Director, Centre for supporting digital education and teaching, University of Pecs, Hungary • Abbas M Abdulhussein, President, University of Information Technologies and Communications (UOITC), Iraq • ZHANG Yu, Board Chair, Guangzhou Createview Education Technology Co., Ltd.
	18:15-19:30	Dinner
	19:30-21:00	Awards Ceremony of UNESCO-ICHEI Higher Education Digitalisation Pioneer Case Award

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December 8 Friday	Forum 6: High-Quality, Inclusive Digital Content under the Principle of Joint Development and Shared Benefits Moderator: Ismi Arif Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia	
	09:00 - 10:00	Themed Presentations (10 minutes each) - Tatiana Murovana, Programme Specialist, Unit of Digital Pedagogy and Learning Materials, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE) - Tserenchimed Purevsuren, Senior Specialist at Open Education Center, Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Mongolia - Representative of KMAX
		Roundtable Discussions (30 minutes) - Fatima-Zohra IFLAHEN, Vice-President in charge of Research-Innovation, Cooperation and Partnership, Cadi Ayyad University, Morocco - Celestino Obua, Vice Chancellor, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda - Michel Bakar Diop, Director of the Institute of Open and Distance Learning (IFOAD), Gaston Berger University, Senegal - Yao Shanglang, CTO of Jiker
	10:00 -10:15	Tea Break
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December 8 Friday	Forum 7: Innovative Partnerships Driving Educational Change and Leadership Moderator: Zhan Tao, Director of UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE)	
	10:15-11:15	Themed Presentations (10 minutes each) • Bi Xiaohan, Deputy Director of UNESCO-ICHEI • Kabiru Bala, Vice Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria • Wang Duanrui, Chairman of WEDON Cloud Education GROUP Roundtable Discussions (30 minutes) • Du Yue, Secretary General, World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA) • Idris Ahmada Rai, Deputy Executive Secretary, Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) • Ram Piyaket, Director, Office of International Affairs and Global Network, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand • Rita Bissoonauth, Director of UNESCO Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
	11:15-11:30	Tea Break

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December 8 Friday	11:30-11:45	Announcement of 2024 IIOE Rotating Presidency Unit Moderator: Liang Jiansheng, Executive Deputy Director of UNESCO-ICHEI - Remarks by representative of 2023 Rotating Presidency Unit, Ismi Arif Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia - Remarks by representative of 2024 Rotating Presidency Unit
	11:45-12:00	Agreement Signing Ceremonies Moderator: Han Wei, Deputy Secretary-General, IIOE Secretariat
	12:00-12:15	Whitepaper Launch Lim Cher Ping, Chief Expert of the UNESCO-ICHEI International Institute of Online Education (IIOE) and Chair Professor of Learning Technologies and Innovation at the Education University of Hong Kong, China (EdUHK)
	12:15-12:30	Closing Remarks Li Ming, Secretary-General, IIOE Secretariat
	13:30-18:00	Visit to Huawei Songshan Lake Campus
December 9 Saturday	9:00-17:00	Option 1, Shenzhen: BYD, Baidu, Intel Option 2, Guangzhou: Createview, Seewo Option 3, Hong Kong: Sub-Forum -‘Data Security and Digital RightsProtectionin Higher Education in the Age of AI’



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