

India-EU Higher Education Cooperation

Boosting social & economic development for a better tomorrow

New Delhi, 12th November 2008,
InterContinental THE GRAND New Delhi, Connaught Place

Wednesday, 12th November 2008

08:45 *Registration of participants and Coffee*

09:30 OPENING CEREMONY

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Rini Khanna

Addresses by:

H.E. Jérôme BONNAFONT,
Ambassador of France to India, Representing the Presidency of the Council of the European Union

H.E. Arjun SINGH,
Minister of Human Resource Development, India

H.E. Ján FIGEL',
European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth

10:45 -
11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 PLENARY DISCUSSION:

Need to develop better understanding by forming strategic alliances to find solutions for global social and economic challenges

Education is currently one of the main priorities within international cooperation activities. This plenary session will set the tone and will aim at facilitating a forward-looking platform of dialogue where Indian and European education, academic and business representatives will discuss cooperation strategies, specific objectives and how to achieve them. While concentrating on higher education as a booster of social and economic development, the Symposium will highlight the relevance of strategic alliances within the sector as a means to improve capacities, deliver methods and improve quality. These include the inter-relation between elementary education and the necessary linkages with industry and research.

Chairperson: Prof. Peter GAEHTGENS, Member of the board of the European University Association, Belgium

Further Panellists:

Mr. R.P. AGRAWAL, Secretary Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, India

Prof. B.B. BHATTACHARYA, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Prof. Jo RITZEN, President, Maastricht University, former Minister of Education, The Netherlands

Ms. Shobha MISHRA, Joint Director, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Prof. Sukhadeo THORAT, Chairman, University Grants Commission, India

Dr. Mukesh KUMAR, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research

12:30 – *Lunch break*
13:30

13:30 - PARALLEL SESSION 1

16:30 Social responsibility of the Higher Education Sector / The contribution of the Higher Education Sector to “Education for all”

On focus: the contribution of the higher education sector to primary and secondary education in terms of providing the scientific methods and models to improve curricula and pedagogic parameters. Themes like teacher-training, distance learning and social research will be covered.

Chairperson: Prof. Dayanand DONGAONKAR, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities

Further Panellists:

Prof. Jan BREMAN, Comparative Sociology, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan PILLAI, Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University

Prof. Stephan SZAMOSKÖZI, Vice-Rector Babes Bolyai University Cluj Napoca, Romania

Dr. Mridula SETH, Visiting Faculty, Department of Development Communication & Extension, Delhi University

Mr. John ZVEREFF, Director of International Development of Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain

15:00 – *Coffee Break*

15:30

16:30 – *Transfer Break (to Plenary Session)*

16:45

13:30 - PARALLEL SESSION 2

16:30 **International Cooperation: Key to overcome challenges in Higher Education and Research**

On focus: the advantages of institutional cooperation to cope with the challenges the higher education sector is facing in a globalized world. The session aims at identifying innovative ideas to comply with the requirements in terms of quality assurance, institutional development, capacity building, curricula development, joint degrees, joint academic research groups, mobility schemes...

Chairperson: Mr. William HANNA, Head of Unit, EuropeAid Cooperation Office, European Commission

Further Panellists:

Prof. Julia María GONZÁLEZ FERRERAS, Vice-Rector International Relations, University of Deusto, Spain

Mr. Amit KHARE, Joint Secretary International Cooperation, Ministry of Human Resource Development, India

Prof. Annick SUZOR-WEINER, Vice President, Université Paris Sud XI, France

Prof. B.N. JAIN, Deputy Director, Faculty, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

Dr. Sadhna RELIA, Scientist, International Division, Department of Science and Technology

15:00 – *Coffee Break*
15:30

16:30 – *Transfer Break (to Plenary Session)*
16:45

13:30 - PARALLEL SESSION 3

16:30 Demands of the knowledge based economy from the Higher Education Sector

On focus: relation between the higher education sector and the industry in a knowledge based economy; universities' contribution to innovation processes; the importance of continuous human resource development and technological innovation for the competitiveness of national economies; lifelong learning to promote entrepreneurship and facilitate employability.

Chairperson: Mr. Saurabh SRIVASTAVA, Executive Chairman, XANSA

Further Panellists:

Prof. Farid OUABDESSELAM, President, Université Joseph Fourier Grenoble, France

Dr. R.K. MISHRA, Director, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad

Prof. Pierre BECKER, President, Ecole Centrale Paris, France

Ms. Madi SHARMA, European Economic and Social Committee, UK

Prof. Enrico MACII, Politecnico di Torino, Italy

15:00 – *Coffee Break*
15:30

16:30 – *Transfer Break (to Plenary Session)*
16:45

16:45 – PLENARY SESSION

17:30

EU Programmes and ongoing projects (EM, EMECW, 7th Framework Programme, Study Centres)

Chairperson: Mr. Hans SCHOOF, Head of Operations, Delegation of the European Commission to India, Bhutan and Nepal

Further Panellists:

Mr. Joachim FRONIA, Head of Unit, Education and Culture Executive Agency (EMECW and EM), European Commission

Prof. P.C. JOSHI, President Society for Indian Medical Anthropology / Department of Anthropology, Delhi University

Mr. Ulrich PODEWILS, Team Leader, India-EU Study Centres Programme

17:30 - CLOSING SESSION

18:00

H.E. Ján FIGEL', European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth

H.E. Kapil SIBAL, Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, India

19:30

Reception (by invitation only)