



‘Envisioning the Future of a Common Higher Education Space in Southeast Asia’

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CONCEPT NOTE

I. BACKGROUND

The Support to Higher Education in the ASEAN Region (SHARE) Programme is the European Union’s flagship higher education programme with ASEAN. The Programme is implemented by a consortium, comprised of the British Council, the DAAD, ENQA and Nuffic. Since 2015, SHARE has worked alongside the ASEAN Secretariat, UNESCO, SEAMEO RIHED, the ASEAN University Network and regional partners to strengthen regional cooperation, enhance the quality, regional competitiveness and internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions and learners in the region. Policy Dialogue is one of the key result areas in the SHARE Programme. The upcoming Policy Dialogue will be the 15th such meeting of regional higher education practitioners convened since 2015. Various issues have been discussed at the Dialogues that contribute to the ultimate goal of establishing a common higher education space in Southeast Asia.

With the adoption of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Higher Education at the 27th ASEAN Summit in 2015, the work of the Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED) towards the development of a Common Higher Education Space in Southeast Asia was initiated. The Declaration acknowledged ‘higher education as one of the catalysts in accelerating ASEAN’s economic, political and sociocultural development agenda’ and the need to “embrace [the] diversity and solidarity of the ASEAN Community through enhanced intra-ASEAN mobility of students and scholars.”

There have been significant developments and outcomes achieved in this body of work since 2015, particularly in the context of the initiatives of the SHARE Programme, in partnership with regional higher education stakeholders. The third ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2021 – 2025, adopted by the ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASEM) on May 31st, 2021, sees the work in this sphere of the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community Blueprint consolidated, contributing to the attainment of the ASEAN Vision 2025 thus enhancing the quality, competitiveness, and internationalisation of its higher education institutions.

The higher education components of the new ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2021 – 2025 are delineated under Outcome 3 of ‘Enhanced regional capacity in higher education as part of lifelong learning provision, including the harmonisation of ASEAN higher education and the following outputs.’ The scope of work to deliver greater harmonisation and internationalisation of ASEAN higher education is found under Output 3.2. ‘Sustained and strengthened ASEAN capacity in higher education harmonisation through strategies, mechanisms and scholarship provision.’

The key activities operationalising the outputs of the Work Plan have been allocated to key regional higher education stakeholders which include the membership of the ASEAN Working Group on Higher Education Mobility 2025, launched on July 27th, 2021, chaired by the Education, Youth and Sports Division (EYSD) of the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN Foundation, with the technical and operational advisory of the SHARE Programme.

On the first anniversary of the launch of the ASEAN Working Group on Higher Education Mobility, the Working Group will launch the Roadmap on the ASEAN Higher Education Space 2025, endorsed by SOM-ED, at the 15th SHARE Policy Dialogue on July 27th, 2022. The purpose of the Roadmap is to realise and implement the ASEAN Higher Education Space for greater people-to-people connectivity and knowledge transfer across the region, in the framework of the ASEAN Education Work Plan 2021 - 2025. The Roadmap will deliver the mandates and commitments of ASEAN related to boosting intra-ASEAN student mobility by 2025, including the design, ownership, and operationalisation of a regional scholarship programme.

This Roadmap has been developed against the backdrop of the changing context of higher education globally and the disruption to student mobility wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Cognisant of this new reality, the Roadmap proposes adaptive and sustainable approaches to ASEAN higher education harmonisation strategies and internationalisation methodologies. The initiatives under the Roadmap are aligned with the ASEAN Declaration on Human Resource Development in the Changing World of Work, the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025, the Joint Statement on digital transformation of education systems in ASEAN, and the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework, and the new Roadmap on Higher Education 2030 proposed following the third UNESCO World Higher Education Conference in May 2022. Furthermore, it contributes to the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and strengthening of future resilience through enhanced people to people connectivity, enhanced access and recognition of higher education in the ASEAN region. This includes augmenting access and inclusion to internationalised higher education provision through digital transformation.

In addition to the launch of the Roadmap, the Policy Dialogue will bring together key stakeholders to share information, exchange views, and propose strategies for the development of a future oriented common space for higher education in Southeast Asia that links with global initiatives in higher education.

The Policy Dialogue will also focus on explore innovations and initiatives contributing to the digital transformation of higher education in Southeast Asia and examine the structures and resources required to ensure the sustainability of the regional higher education space in Southeast Asia

II. OBJECTIVES

The 15th SHARE Policy Dialogue has been designed to explore the key elements supporting 'Envisioning the Future of a Higher Education Common Space in Southeast Asia'.

The Policy Dialogue, which is implemented by the SHARE Programme in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Training of Viet Nam, the ASEAN Secretariat, SEAMEO RIHED, the ASEAN University Network, the UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, and other members of the ASEAN Working Group on Higher Education Mobility (AWGHEM).

The objectives of Policy Dialogue 15 are as follows:

- To launch the Roadmap on the ASEAN Higher Education Space 2025 and its Implementation Plan

- To explore innovations and initiatives contributing to the digital transformation of higher education in Southeast Asia
- To examine the structures and resources required to ensure the sustainability of the regional higher education space in Southeast Asia
- To consider future opportunities for the ASEAN Higher Education Space and the higher education community globally

III. PARTICIPANTS (In person/Virtual)

Participants will include key stakeholders from amongst the following organisations / groups:

ASEAN SOM-ED Leaders and/or their representatives
ASEAN Secretariat (EYSD and other relevant divisions)
ASEAN University Network (AUN)
SEAMEO RIHED
UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education
ASEAN Working Group on Higher Education Mobility
ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN)
ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework Committee
ASEAN Human Development Organisation (AHDO)
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Education
SHARE Higher Education Harmonisation Community of Practice
Southeast Asian Higher Education Institutions
Employers in the ASEAN Region
European Chambers of Commerce in ASEAN
SHARE Alumni / Erasmus Alumni

IV. EVENT FORMAT

Policy Dialogue 15 will be held as a hybrid event in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Training of Viet Nam, the ASEAN Secretariat, SEAMEO RIHED, the ASEAN University Network and UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education.

V. DRAFT PROGRAMME (TBC)

Day One – Wednesday, 27 th July 2022 (Public Session)	
09.00 – 10.30	<p>Opening Session (90 minutes)</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Dr Nguyen Van Phuc, Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Viet Nam • H. E. Ambassador Giorgio Aliberti, EU Ambassador to Viet Nam (TBC) <p>Brief Presentation: Dr Roger Chao Jr., Assistant Director/Head, Education, Youth, and Sports Division (EYSD), ASEAN Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadmap on the ASEAN Higher Education Space 2025 • Two-Year Implementation Plan of the Roadmap <p>Launch of the Roadmap on the ASEAN Higher Education Space 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN (Pre-recorded message) • H. E. Ambassador Igor Driesmans, EU Ambassador to ASEAN (Pre-recorded message) • Mr Philip Masterson, Officer in Charge, SEAMEO RIHED • Dr Choltis Dhirathiti, Executive Director of ASEAN University Network • Mr Libing Wang, Chief, Section for Educational Innovation and Skills Development (EISD), Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, UNESCO Bangkok • Mr Darren McDermott, SHARE Programme Team Leader <p>Photo Opportunity</p>
10.30 – 10.45	Morning Coffee/Tea Break (15 minutes)
10.45 – 11.15	<p>Keynote 1 (30 minutes)</p> <p>The Future of a Common Higher Education Space in Southeast Asia</p> <p>Mr Libing Wang, Chief, Section for Educational Innovation and Skills Development (EISD), Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, UNESCO Bangkok</p> <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr. Darren McDermott, SHARE Programme Team Leader</p>
11.15 – 12.15	<p>Panel Discussion 1 (60 minutes)</p> <p>The Future of a Common Higher Education Space in Southeast Asia</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Roger Chao Jr., Assistant Director/Head, Education, Youth, and Sports Division (EYSD), ASEAN Secretariat • Mr Philip Masterson, Officer in Charge, SEAMEO RIHED • Dr Choltis Dhirathiti, Executive Director of ASEAN University Network • Dr Meekyung Shin, Asian Development Bank • Ms Reka Tozsa, Acting Director, Education Department, Asia-Europe Foundation • Student Representatives <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr Darren McDermott, SHARE Programme Team Leader</p>
12.15 – 13.30	Lunch Break (75 minutes)

13.30 – 14.00	<p>Keynote 2 (30 minutes) Digital Transformation and the Future of Higher Education in Southeast Asia</p> <p>Dr Marito Garcia, Adviser to the World Bank and Asian Development Bank on Digital Transformation in Education, Education Technology and Online Learning, and Digital Credentialing</p> <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr Wesley Teter, Senior Consultant for Educational Innovation and Skills Development (EISD), UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Bangkok</p>
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Panel Discussion 2 (60 minutes) Digital Transformation Initiatives in Southeast Asia</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Paulina Pannen, Chairman, Indonesia Cyber Education Institute at Universitas Terbuka • Dr Keiko Ikeda, Vice-Director, Institute for Innovative Global Education (IIGE) and Professor, Division of International Affairs, Kansai University • Mr Mike Michalec, Founder and Managing Director, EdTech Asia – Singapore • Representative from Ministry of Education and Training of Viet Nam/Higher Education Institution proposed by Ministry of Education and Training of Viet Nam • Mr Nam Nguyen Thanh, Adjunct Faculty of College of Arts and Sciences, Founder of FUNiX Online Education • Mr Anthony Camilleri, Senior Partner, Knowledge Innovation Centre <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr Wesley Teter, Senior Consultant for Educational Innovation and Skills Development (EISD), UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Bangkok</p>
15.00 – 15.15	Afternoon Coffee/Tea Break (15 minutes)
15.15 – 16.30	<p>Workshop 1 (75 minutes) Digital Credentials Supporting Student Mobility in Southeast Asia</p> <p>SHARE Digital ASEAN - Europe Credit Transfer System (SHARE DAECTS)</p> <p>Presentation of DAECTS Platform - SHARE Expert Consultants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stephane Pardo, Parisiam • Ms Carmen L. Padrón-Nápoles, Knowledge Innovation Centre <p>Panel Discussion with SHARE Partner University Practitioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Abdul Latiff Ahmad, Director International Relations Centre (UKM Global), National University of Malaysia (UKM) • Dr Ky Ravikun, Vice Rector for International Relations and Research, Phnom Penh International University <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr. Sebastian Gries, SHARE Programme Manager, DAAD</p>
18.00 – 20.00	Dinner Reception (By Invitation Only)

Day Two – Thursday, 28 th July 2022 (Public Session)	
09.00 – 09.30	<p>Keynote 3 (30 minutes) Communities of Practice of Regional Higher Education Harmonisation</p> <p>Dr Chang Da Wan, Chief Operating Officer, The HEAD Foundation</p> <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr. Darren McDermott, SHARE Programme Team Leader</p>
09.30 – 10.30	<p>Panel Discussion 3 (60 minutes) Towards an Integrated Sustainable Southeast Asian Community of Practice Platform</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Yazrina Yahya, Deputy Director, Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT), Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia • Dr Doria Abdullah, Senior Lecturer, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia • Mr Philip Masterson, Officer in Charge, SEAMEO RIHED • Dr Le Dong Phuong, Director, Centre of Higher Education Studies, Viet Nam Institute of Educational Sciences <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr Andy Gibbs, SHARE Key Expert for Community of Practice</p>
10.30 – 10.45	Morning Coffee/Tea Break (15 minutes)
10.45 – 12.00	<p>Workshop 2 (75 minutes)</p> <p>Virtual Exchange/Collaborative Online International Learning in Southeast Asia</p> <p>Presentation of AVEC Platform - SHARE Expert Consultants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Keiko Ikeda, Vice-Director, Institute for Innovative Global Education (IIGE) and Professor, Division of International Affairs, Kansai University • Dr Abdul Latiff Ahmad, Director International Relations Centre (UKM Global), National University of Malaysia <p>Panel Discussion with SHARE Partner University Practitioners and Other Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Sabrina Daud, Director of Global Relations, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (TBC) • Dr Karen Santiago, Associate Director, Office of International Relations and Program, University of Santo Tomas (TBC) • Dr Ho Chong Mun, Director, Centre for Internationalisation and Global Engagement, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (TBC) • Ms Kristine Ferrer, Director, External Linkages and International Affairs, Tarlac College of Agriculture, The Philippines
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch Break (90 minutes)
13.30 – 15.00	<p>SHARE Result Area 3 Student Mobility and Credit Transfer (90 minutes)</p> <p>Presentation on the work of SHARE under Result Area 3: Mr Arief Maulana, SHARE Programme Manager for Nuffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further development of the mobility scheme • Integrated Credit Transfer System through SHARE Scholarship • Digital Transformation of Student Exchange <p>University experiences with the SHARE Scholarship programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Sintho Wahyuning Ardie, Deputy Director for International Program Services, Directorate of International Program, IPB University • Mr Kevin Naufal Eryogia, SHARE Alumni, IPB University

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ky Ravikun, Vice Rector for International Relations and Research, Phnom Penh International University • Mr Sovann Songheng, SHARE Alumni, Phnom Penh International University • Dr Le Thi Thu Thuy, Vice Director of Department of Academic Affairs, Viet Nam National University Ha Noi • Mr. Tri Kien Bui, SHARE Alumni, University of Economics and Business, Ha Noi National University <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr Peter van Tuijl, SHARE Programme Director for Nuffic</p>
15.00 – 15.15	Afternoon Coffee/Tea Break (15 minutes)
15.15 – 16.30	<p>Panel Discussion 4 (75 minutes) Conceptualising the Future of International Tertiary Education (75 mins)</p> <p>Presentation of Scenarios developed by researchers in discussion with senior higher education practitioners from 14 countries, including three in Southeast Asia. Contributes to objective four of the policy dialogue “To consider future opportunities for the ASEAN Higher Education Space and the higher education community globally”.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Peak, Head of Education Research, British Council (online) • Assoc Prof Nguyen Thu Thuy, Director-General, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education and Training, Viet Nam • Ms Wanda Preiser, Senior Assistant supervisor, Office of International Affairs, NTU Singapore (TBC) • Dato’ Morshidi Sirat, Emeritus Professor, National Higher Education Research Institute (IPPTN), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) • Dr Roger Chao Jr., Assistant Director/Head, Education, Youth, and Sports Division (EYSD), ASEAN Secretariat • Dr Choltis Dhirathiti, Executive Director of the ASEAN University Network <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Van Anh Hoang, Head of Education, British Council Viet Nam</p>
16.30 - 16.40	<p>Closing of Public Sessions Mr. Darren McDermott, SHARE Programme Team Leader</p>