

Flexible Learning Pathways in Higher Education

International Policy Forum
 July 6-8, 2021



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TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021 – 12:15-16:00 CEST | CHECK YOUR TIME ZONE

Opening session

12:15 – 12:30	<p>Welcome (10')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Coustère, Director a.i., IIEP-UNESCO Faisal Rafiq Mahamd Adikan, Vice Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia, <i>Malaysia</i> <p>Introduction to the Forum (5'): Michaela Martin, R&D Team Leader a.i., IIEP-UNESCO</p>
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Keynote opening speeches

12:30 – 13:50	<p>Keynote speech on national policy perspective (30'): Noraini Ahmad, Honourable Minister of Higher Education, <i>Malaysia</i></p> <p>Guest keynote speech on Micro-credentials (30'): Peter van der Hijden, Higher Education Strategy Advisor, <i>Brussels, Belgium</i></p> <p>Discussion (20')</p>
13:50 – 14:00	Coffee break

THEME 1: Diverse entry pathways into higher education

Panel on implementing flexible entry pathways

Moderator: Courtney Brown, Vice-President of Impact and Planning, Lumina Foundation, *USA*

14:00 – 15:45	<p>International overview (10'): Michaela Martin, IIEP-UNESCO</p> <p>Presentation on Open Studies pathway in Finland (15'): Leasa Weimer, Researcher, University of Jyväskylä</p>
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Presentation on APEL in Malaysia (15'): Khairul Salleh bin Mohamed Sahari, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Malaysian Qualifications Agency

Discussant (10'): Trudi van Wyk, Chief Director of Social Inclusion and Quality, Department of Higher Education and Training, *South Africa* (10 min)

Q&A (55')

Conclusion Day 1

15:45 – 16:00 **Concluding remarks** (15'): Thérèse Zhang, Deputy Director for Higher Education Policy, European University Association

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THEME 2: The role of technology in supporting flexibility in higher education

Panel on implementing flexibility through technology

Moderator: Nina Arnhold, Tertiary Education Lead, The World Bank

12:15 – 14:00 **International overview** (10'): Uliana Furiv, IIEP-UNESCO

Online and Distance Learning in India (15'): Garima Malik, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration

Local and Global Online Learning with FutureLearn in the UK (15'): John Brennan, Emeritus Professor of Higher Education Research

Discussant (10'): Wan Zuhainis, Director of Academic Excellence Division, Ministry of Higher Education, *Malaysia*

Q&A (55')

14:00 – 14:10 Coffee break

THEME 3: Flexible pathways to progress through higher education

Panel on flexibility through credit (transfer) and bridges

Moderator: Francisco Marmolejo, President of Higher Education, Qatar Foundation, Qatar

14:10-15:45 **International overview** (10'): Uliana Furiv, IIEP-UNESCO

Presentation on integration of TVET and higher education in Jamaica (15'): Dawn Barrett Adams, Accreditation Officer, University Council of Jamaica

Presentation on bridges in Moroccan higher education (15'): El Bachir Kouhlani, Professor, Hassan II University of Casablanca, *Morocco*

Discussant (10'): Patricia Martinez-Barrios, Rector, Los Libertadores University Foundation, *Colombia*

Q&A (55')

Conclusion Day 2

15:45 – 16:00 **Concluding remarks** (15'): Wan Fatma Zuharah Wan Musthapa, Director of Commonwealth Tertiary Education Facility, *Malaysia*

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THEME 4: The role of supporting instruments in enhancing flexibility

Panel on the role of governance mechanisms in supporting flexibility

Moderator: N.V. Varghese, Vice Chancellor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, *India*

12:15 - 14:00	International overview (10'): Michaela Martin, IIEP-UNESCO Presentation on the role of the National Qualifications Framework in South Africa (15'): Heidi Bolton, Research Director, South African Qualifications Authority Presentation on the role of funding policies and quality assurance in Chile (15'): Maria Jose Lemaître, Executive Director, Interuniversity Development Centre Discussant (10'): Atte Jääskeläinen Director General, Ministry of Education and Culture, <i>Finland</i> Q&A (55')
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14:00 – 14:10 Coffee break

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Thematic workshops

14:10 – 15:40	Workshop A: Diverse entry pathways into higher education Workshop B: The role of technology in supporting flexibility Workshop C: Flexible pathways to progress through higher education Workshop D: The role of governance in enhancing flexibility
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Workshop plenary session and discussion

15:40 – 16:40	Facilitators' presentations of findings from the workshop sessions (~10' each) Q&A (20')
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Conclusions and closing remarks

16:40 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mazlan Yusof, Secretary General, Ministry of Higher Education, <i>Malaysia</i>Pablo Cevallos Estarellas, Director, IIEP-UNESCO Buenos Aires Office
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PARTNERS

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