



Regional Conference on Education, Training and Knowledge Economy in South Asia

Agenda

September 14		
8:30 – 9:30 am	Registration	
9:30 – 10:00 am	Opening/Welcome	Julian Schweitzer
10:00 – 11:15 am	Setting the Stage: Skill Implications of Globalization and Knowledge Economy This session will cover global and regional economic and labor market trends. It will also discuss the labor market outcomes for different skill groups, including impacts on earnings, income inequality, productivity, and competitiveness.	Chair: Julian Schweitzer Speakers: Michelle Riboud (World Bank)
11:15 – 11:45 am	Break	
11:45 – 1:00 pm	Making Education Relevant to the World of Work: The Experience of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and International Experience This session will feature the education sector studies for India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The discussion will then move into international experience, with a presentation of the key messages from the recent WB book on secondary education.	Chair: Venita Kaul Speakers: International Experience (Robin Horn), India (Amit Dar), Sri Lanka (Harsha Aturupane), Pakistan (Tahseen Sayed)
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Making Education Relevant to the World of Work: The Experience of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and International Experience (cont.)	Chair: Venita Kaul Speakers: International Experience (Robin Horn), India (Amit Dar), Sri Lanka (Harsha Aturupane), Pakistan (Tahseen Sayed)
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Break	
3:45 – 5:00 pm	Challenges of Globalization and the Knowledge Economy for the Education Sector Panel discussion by each country delegation reflecting the views of key stakeholders on issues	Chair: Robin Horn Panelists: From Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka
7:30 pm	Cocktails	
8:00 pm	Dinner	

September 15		
9:30 – 9:40 am	Introduction/plan for the day	Michelle Riboud
9:40 – 10:30 am	<p>Keynote Panel</p> <p>Sharing the experiences of education and training in India as the country liberalized trade and developed a manufacturing base.</p>	<p>Chair: Michelle Riboud</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Sam Pitroda (India Knowledge Commission – taped presentation) Dr. Ashok Kolaskar (India Knowledge Commission)</p>
10:30 – 11:30 am	<p>What Employers Want</p> <p>Evidence from firm surveys from around the world and within the region about the skill demands of employers and various schemes for meeting the demand, including public policy to encourage private sector training. Highlighting the experiences of the Human Resource Development Fund in Malaysia in stimulating enterprise-based training, the CIMO experience in promoting training for informal enterprises in Mexico, and employer initiatives from India and Bangladesh.</p>	<p>Chair: Qaiser Khan</p> <p>Presenters: Hong Tan (World Bank); Yau De Piyau (Malaysia HRDF); Roberto Flores (Mexico CIMO), Ravi Pillai (India City and Guilds); Mikhal Islam (Bangladesh CSDC)</p>
11:30 – 11:45 am	Break	
11:45 – 1:00 pm	What Employers Want (Cont.)	<p>Chair: Qaiser Khan</p> <p>Presenters: Hong Tan (World Bank); Yau De Piyau (Malaysia HRDF); Roberto Flores (Mexico CIMO), Ravi Pillai (India City and Guilds); Mikhal Islam (Bangladesh CSDC)</p>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 – 3:30 pm	<p>Matching Skills to Markets and Budgets: VET Systems of Afghanistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh</p> <p>The session explores the VET systems of three countries in the region, focusing on issues such as the appropriate roles of the public and private sector in providing and/or financing training; quality assurance; standards; monitoring and evaluation; etc., benchmarking against international experience.</p>	<p>Chair: Philip O' Keefe</p> <p>Presenters: Sri Lanka (TBD) India (Amit Dar) Bangladesh (Shaikh Ahmed/Syed Rashed Al-Zayed) Afghanistan (Venkatesh Sundararaman)</p>
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Break	
3:45 – 5:00 pm	<p>Challenges for the Training Sector</p> <p>Panel discussion by each country delegation reflecting the views of key stakeholders on issues (guidelines/key questions provided to panelists).</p>	<p>Chair: Michelle Riboud</p> <p>Panelists: From Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka</p>
5:00 - 5:30 pm	Conclusions and Wrap-up	