

11th UNESCO-APEID Conference

The Asia-Pacific Programme of Educational Innovation for Development (APEID), UNESCO Bangkok, is convening the 11th UNESCO-APEID International Conference in December 2007. The Conference, "Reinventing Higher Education: Toward Participatory and Sustainable Development," will explore the linkages among higher education, participatory development and sustainable development.

Participatory development is a bottom-up, people-centred approach to develop the full potential of all sectors of society, especially poor and marginalized social groups. Such development will contribute to processes that can lead to more sustainable development and to poverty reduction through greater empowerment, gender equality, social inclusion and respect for human rights, based on the conviction that development itself needs to be grounded in people's own cultures and priorities.

To bring the dialogue to a sector less commonly associated with participatory development, UNESCO-APEID aims to highlight the role of universities and other higher education institutions in re-balancing social inequalities and in formulating sustainable solutions with, and for, people so that they can have equal access to the benefits of a globalizing world.

To facilitate a paradigm shift, the 11th UNESCO-APEID International Conference, Reinventing Higher Education, seeks to:

Enhance understanding of the concepts and principles of participatory and sustainable development

Explore the role of higher education institutions in engaging with communities, NGOs and the private sector

Encourage the formulation of collaborative participatory and sustainable development programmes and activities

Facilitate the development of a network of policy makers, educators and learners who will contribute to collaborative learning for participatory development and social change

Showcase examples and models of "Participatory and Sustainable Development in Action"

Participants will include representatives from governments, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and local communities.

Sub-themes

I. Paradigms of Development

- Participatory and sustainable development concepts
- Implications for higher education research and teaching
- Engagement with communities

II. Possibilities for Development

- Initiatives of higher education institution departments, staff and students
- Opportunities and constraints faced by such initiatives

III. Partnerships in Development

- Local, regional and international partnerships among higher education institutions
- Linkages among higher education institutions, government, communities, NGOs, private sector
- Key elements for successful partnerships in development

IV. Permitting Development

- Quality assurance standards and processes
- Criteria for monitoring and evaluation
- Regulatory frameworks

Keynote Speakers

Stephen Toope

President, University of British Columbia

Peter Taylor

Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

Anthony Stella

Australian Universities Quality Agency



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"Imagine a world in which all individuals are recognized as productive, educated citizens and as potential agents of change. Imagine a world in which universities embody democratic values, make strong connections between head, heart and hands, and recognize that their institutional goals go beyond the generation of wealth and the advancement of self-recognition."

Peter Taylor *et al.*, "Platform for Dialogue," generated from the International Forum on Universities and Participatory Development, Vancouver, 20-22 November 2006.

Tentative Programme

12 December

Registration
Raja Roy Singh Lecture
Keynote address
Plenary Session I: **Paradigms of Development**
Panel sessions and paper presentations
Welcome dinner

13 December

Plenary Session II: **Possibilities for Development**
Plenary Session III: **Partnerships in Development**
Panel sessions and paper presentations

14 December

Plenary Session IV: **Permitting Development**
Panel sessions and paper presentations
Closing of Conference

12-14 December

Exhibitions

Details

Venue: Imperial Queens Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Date: 12-14 December 2007

Fees:

International participant	US\$ 350 each
Early bird registration	US\$ 250 each
Full-time student outside Thailand	US\$ 150 each
Full-time student in Thailand	Baht 2,500 each
Resident of Thailand	Baht 4,500 each
Group registration*	US\$ 250 / person

*5 or more individuals from the same organization/institution

Payment:

Bank draft payable to: UNESCO Bangkok

Deadlines:

Submission of abstracts	31 August 2007
Early bird registration & payment	30 September 2007*
Regular registration & payment	16 November 2007

*All payments received after 30 September will be charged the regular registration rate.

Accommodation:

Participants should contact the hotels directly for their room reservations. All quotes are in Thai Baht.

	Single	Double
Manhattan Hotel	1,300	1,500
Tara Hotel	2,250	2,550
Grand Mercure Hotel	2,500	2,750
Windsor Hotel	3,060	3,413
Imperial Queens Park Hotel	3,500	3,700

Post conference event:

"Sufficiency Economy, Participatory Development and Universities",
15-16 December 2007, Thammasat University. For further information, go to <http://sufficiency.bus.ubu.ac.th>



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CALL FOR PAPERS

The organizers invite papers on Conference sub-themes. Submit abstracts, no longer than 200 words, on forms available from the Conference website at www.unescobkk.org/education/apeid/conference by 1 August 2007.

CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Showcase your examples of "Participatory and Sustainable Development in Action". Visit the Conference website for details.

For more information, please visit:
www.unescobkk.org/education/apeid/conference

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