

# Provisional Agenda

## Symposium

### Learning cities

Venue: The Education University of Hong Kong

Block A-G/F - 08

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#### Objectives:

- 1) To examine the concept of learning cities and the UNESCO framework
- 2) To identify practices existing in Hong Kong that fit into the concept of a learning city
- 3) To confirm an essential role of stakeholders in supporting a learning city
- 4) To identify challenges and trends in establishing learning cities, and to come up with critical factors contributing to achieving the goal of becoming a learning city.
- 5) To discuss the possibility for Hong Kong to join a global network of learning cities and agree upon next steps.

Saturday , 12 November 2016	
9:15 – 9:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Welcome Session</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Margarita Pavlova <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome remarks, Professor John Lee, Vice-President (The President representative)</li><li>• Introduction by participants</li></ul> <b>Introduction to the Symposium</b> (Margarita Pavlova, Director UNESCO-UNEVOC Centre (Hong Kong) Setting the stage: Review of the Symposium objectives
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee / tea break / group photo

10:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 1. Concept of learning cities and UNESCO framework.</b></p> <p><b>Challenges of new SDGs: what is the role of learning cities?</b> Mr. Valdes Coteria, Raul, The Head of the Global Learning Cities Program at the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong learning</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Margarita Pavlova</p>
11.00 – 12.15	<p><b>Session 2. Hong Kong experiences: an education perspective</b></p> <p><b>Hong Kong as a Learning city: visions and realities</b> Dr. Chan Ka Ki, Catherine, Deputy Secretary for Education, HKSAR</p> <p><b>The British Council: Contributions towards the Learning cities practices in Hong Kong</b> Sophia Chan-Combrink, Head of Education and Society British Council, HK</p> <p><b>Examples from the EdUHK:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Benchmarking of the institutional impact</b> Dr Margarita Pavlova, Director, UNEVOC Centre (Hong Kong) and Dr Shirley Yeung, Director, Centre for Corporate Sustainability and Innovations, Hang Seng Management College</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>The Elder Academy</b> Dr Maureen Tam, Director of the Elder Academy, the EdUHK</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Professor Kerry Kennedy, The EdUHK</p>
12.15 – 13.00	<p><b>Session 3. Discussion: How to pursue a Learning City agenda in Hong Kong?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Professor Kerry Kennedy, The EdUHK</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p><b>Lunch (at EdUHK)</b></p>

14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Session 4. Stakeholders role: Activities that can support Hong Kong as a Learning city</b></p> <p><b>The role of Quality Assurance to Support Hong Kong as a Learning City</b>  <b>Dorte, Kristoffersen</b>, Executive Director, Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications</p> <p><b>A vibrant culture of learning: a Youth Square perspective</b>  <b>Ms. Doris Luey</b>, Executive Director of Youth Square</p> <p><b>Shenzhen polytechnic’s further education engagements: consolidating a reputation of Shenzhen as a Learning City</b>  <b>Dr. David Fan</b>, Head of the UNEVOC Centre, Shenzhen Polytechnic</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> The EdUHK</p>
15:00 – 16:00	<p><b>Session 5. Challenges and trends in establishing Learning cities</b></p> <p><b>Challenges in establishing Astana as a learning city</b>  <b>Dr. Zhanbol Zhilbayev</b>, the President of the Academy of Education, Kazakhstan</p> <p><b>Five steps on the way to the Learning city: a Russian model</b>  <b>Prof. Nikolai Lobanov</b>, Director of the Research Institute of Socio-economic and Education issues of lifelong learning, Leningrad State University n.a. Pushkin, Russia</p> <p><b>Building up a Learning City: Quality, Accountability vs Diversity</b>  <b>Dr Chan Cheuk Hay</b>, President, HKCT Institute of Higher Education and Hong Kong College of Technology</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> The EdUHK</p>
16:00 – 16.30	<p><b>Session 6. Round up discussion – Hong Kong as a Learning city</b></p> <p>Open floor</p>