ASEMME10
10th Asia-Europe Meeting of Ministers for Education

Location: BE Grand Convention Centre, Panglao, Bohol, Philippines
Date: 25-26 November 2026

"Sustainability and Solidarity:
Navigating Our Future Together through
Asia-Europe Higher Education Cooperation"

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 24 November 2026: 2nd Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM2)

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Wednesday, 25 November 2026 (ASEMME10 – Day 1 – morning)

08:30 - 09:30 Registration of participants

09:30 - 10:15 Welcome Remarks

Hon. Shirley C. Agrupis, Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education

Opening Message

Hon. Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines (tbc)

10:15 - 10:30 Family Photo

10:30 - 11:00 Message of Support: Sustainability & Solidarity in Higher Education

Hon. Jude A. Acidre, Congressman of the Philippines (tbc)

11:00 - 11:15 Message of Support

Hon. Emmanuel Jose Joel Villanueva, Senator of the Philippines (tbc)

11:15 - 12:00 **1st Roundtable of Ministers on Blue Economy and Green and Digital Transitions**

Ministers and Heads of Delegations deliver a short speech about their country's vision and strategies on the topic in relation to the conferences overall theme.

- **Dr. Vathana Sann,** Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of Cambodia
- **Ms. Saija Nurminen,** Ambassador of Finland to the Philippines
- **Mr. HARA Katsuhiko,** Assistant Minister / Director-general for International Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan
- **Hon. Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir**, Minister of Higher Education of Malaysia (tbc)
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12:00 - 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 - 14:30 **Panel on new developments in (higher) education**

- **Hon. Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir**, Minister of Higher Education of Malaysia (tbc)
- **Hon. Shirley C. Agrupis**, Chairperson of the Philippine Commission on Higher Education (CHED) (tbc)
- **Ambassador Beata Stoczyńska**, Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) (tbc)

moderated by **Prof. Luca Lantero**, Head of the ASEM Education Secretariat

14:30 - 15:15 **2nd Roundtable of Ministers on Lifelong Learning and Inclusion**

Ministers and Heads of Delegations deliver a short speech about their country's vision and strategies on the topic in relation to the conferences overall theme.

- **Ms. Chong Yiun Lin**, Deputy Secretary (Higher Education and Skills), Ministry of Education, Singapore
- **Mr. Edgar Doerig**, Ambassador of Switzerland to the Philippines
- **Prof. Dr. Supachai Pathumnakul**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI), Thailand
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15:15 - 15:45 COFFEE BREAK

15:45 - 16:15 **Chair's Conclusions and Stocktaking Report**

Presentation and discussion

16:15 - 16:30 **Summary of the Day and Closing Remarks**

16:30 - 18:30 Bilateral Meetings

19:00 **Formal Dinner to celebrate Asia-Europe partnership**

Thursday, 26 November 2026 (ASEMME10 – Day 2)

08:30 - 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 - 09:10 Welcoming words

09:10 - 10:00 3rd Roundtable of Ministers on Mobility and Recognition

Ministers and Heads of Delegations deliver a short speech about their country's vision and strategies on the topic in relation to the conferences overall theme.

- **Dr. Lilly Shamsu**, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education of Brunei Darussalam
- **Dr. Yiannis Kasoulides**, Senior Educational Officer, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth of Cyprus
- **Mr. Frederic Grillet**, First Secretary of the EU Delegation to the Philippines
- **Mr. Sorin Ștefan Decă**, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Education and Research of Romania

10:00 - 10:30 Stakeholders' Panel: Sustainability and Solidarity. How can we enhance cooperation between Asia and Europe for a better future?

10:30 - 10:40 Adoption of the Chair's Conclusions

10:40 - 10:50 Closing Remarks looking forward to ASEMME11

10:50 - 11:00 Closing Family Photo

11:00 - 19:00 Cultural visit with lunch and tour around the attractions of Bohol