



ASEM Education Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)

Preparatory Information
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Draft Agenda

14. September 2021

09:30 – 09:55	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), Susanne Burger- Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK), tbc- ASEM Education Secretariat (AES)	25 min
09:55 – 10:25	Keynote Speech	30 min
10:25 – 11:25	Presentation and Discussion Strategy and Action Plan	60 min
11:25 – 11:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>	15 min
11:40 – 12:45	Pitches – an Insight into ASEM Education Projects and Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EG Credit Transfer Systems- EG Digitalisation- Other Initiatives/ Projects	65 min
12:45 – 13:00	Closing Day 1	15 min



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15. September 2021

09:30 – 09:40	Welcome Day 2	10 min
09:40 – 09:55	Stocktaking Report	15 min
09:55 – 10:15	Outlook – New ASEM Education Initiatives	20 min
10:15 – 10:45	Chairs Conclusions	30 min
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	15 min
11:00 – 11:15	ARC8 Outlook Report on Inclusive & Diverse Higher Education (Asia-Europe Foundation)	15 min
11:15 – 11:25	National Equity Policy in Higher Education Study (Asia-Europe Foundation and National Education Opportunities Network/ NEON)	10 min
11:25 – 11:40	ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub	15 min
11:40 – 11:55	ASEMME8 Thailand	15 min
11:55 – 12:00	Closing of the Meeting	5 min

Please note that the time zone used in this agenda is CEST/ GMT +2.00





Official Invitation and Registration

The SOM will be held online through a virtual conference tool. You will receive the official invitation including a link for registering for the SOM and the conference tool by the end of July. We would like to ask you to register your delegation by the **31 August 2021**. Please be informed that you will have to select a head of delegation of your ministry or organisation during the registration process.

ASEM Education Strategy and Action Plan

At ASEMME7 in May 2019, in Bucharest Romania, the ASEM Education Ministers invited the Senior Officials to develop a strategy paper on the ASEM Education Process Vision 2030 and an action plan to be presented at ASEMME8 for discussion and adoption (ASEMME7 Chairs Conclusions No. 53). The Ministers further mandated the ASEM Education Secretariat in cooperation with Senior Officials and the hosts of SOM1 and SOM2 of ASEMME8 as well as the Standing Working Group to coordinate the drafting of the ASEM Education Strategy.

Drafting Process ASEM Education 2030 Strategy (Draft 5 attached)

The first version of the ASEM Education 2030 Strategy Paper was prepared by the Drafting Committee (AES and hosts of SOM1 and SOM2/ASEMME, Austria and India) and reviewed through two feedback rounds by the Standing Working Group. In October 2020, the third draft was circulated to all partners and stakeholders for their feedback. The Drafting Committee and ASEM Education Secretariat then included their input and suggestions and organised another review round with the Standing Working group. This version (Draft 5), which has been endorsed by the Standing Working Group and Drafting Committee will be presented during SOM1 and is enclosed with this preparatory information.

All partners and stakeholders are now invited to provide their feedback on Draft 5 in writing (using the comments and track changes features in the word document) **before 15 August 2021**. The AES will collect controversial points and red lines



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identified and organise a discussion focused on these points during SOM1. Partners and stakeholders will be invited to take the floor and present their proposal for modifications. Please inform the AES in advance about such interventions. Adjustments will be made by consensus during the meeting. The final version will be presented for adoption during ASEMME8.

ASEM Education Action Plan 2030 (Draft 2 attached)

In addition to the Strategy 2030 Paper, the Drafting Committee and AES have been developing an **Action Plan 2030**, which provides an overview of potential actions to be implemented within the framework of the ASEM Education Strategy 2030.

Partners and stakeholders have been consulted through interactive workshops over the course of January and February 2021 and in a first round of bilateral calls during May and June. Their input served as the basis for the formulation of the actions. Over the next months, this first Action Plan will be further completed by input provided by all ASEM partners and stakeholders.

All ASEM Education partners are kindly invited to provide input for this Action Plan: be it suggestions for a specific focus or activities under existing ASEM Education projects or initiatives or suggestions for new projects or initiatives.

Please provide your feedback, input, suggestions and ideas **by 15 August at the latest**.

The final version will be presented for adoption during ASEMME8.

Agenda Day 1: Pitches – an Insight into ASEM Education Projects and Initiatives

During this session, coordinators of ASEM projects and initiatives (e.g. Expert and Working Groups) are asked to give a brief report (5 min.) on the current status of their work. The status reports of the projects and initiatives will also serve as content for the Stocktaking Report and the Chairs Conclusions.



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Please contact the ASEM Education Secretariat by the **15 August 2021** in order to register your project/ initiative for this session.

Agenda Day 2: Outlook – New ASEM Education Initiatives

On the second day members and stakeholders have the opportunity to present new ASEM initiatives and projects which will be implemented through the Action Plan in the next working period (2022-2024). We kindly invite you to contact the ASEM Education Secretariat to reserve your timeslot for a pitch (+/- 5 minutes) during this session, if you would like to present a new activity, project or initiative. Please inform the ASEM Education Secretariat no later than the **15 August 2021**.

Call for new hosts for ISOM, SOM and ASEMME9

Please contact the ASEM Education Secretariat **by 31 August 2021** to express your interest in hosting the ISOM, SOM or ASEMME in the next working period. The new ISOM, SOM and ASEMME hosts will be presented in the closing session of the SOM.

Overview of Preparatory Tasks and Deadlines

For your convenience, we would like to provide you the following overview of your tasks and deadlines (cf. next page)



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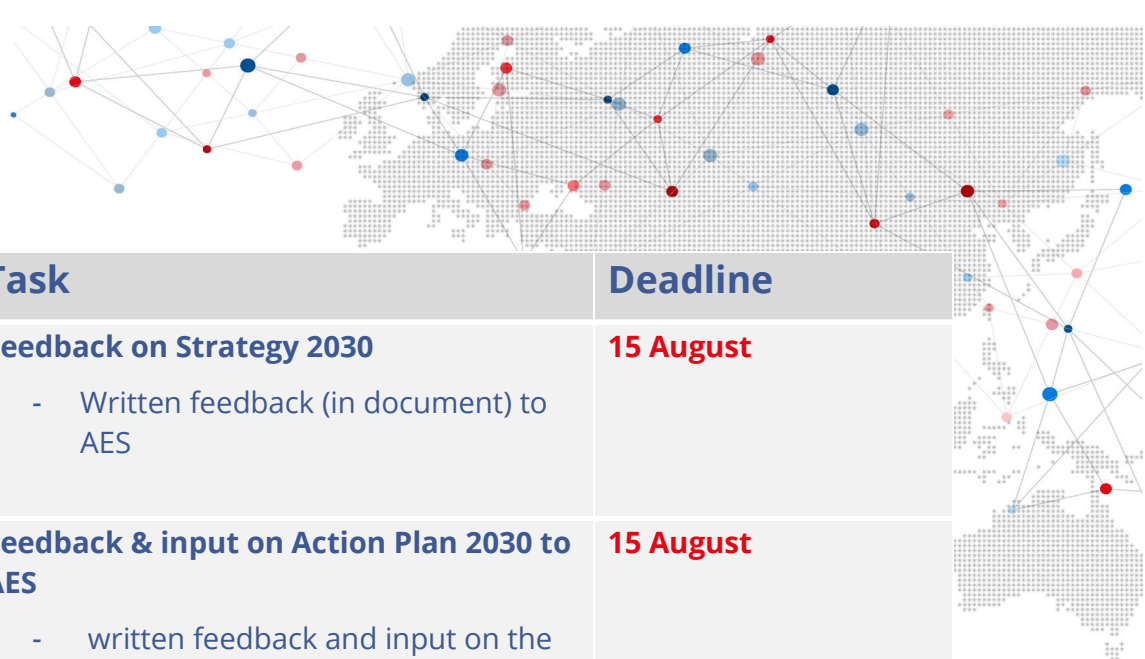


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	Task	Deadline
	Feedback on Strategy 2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written feedback (in document) to AES 	15 August
	Feedback & input on Action Plan 2030 to AES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - written feedback and input on the second Draft of the Action Plan to the AES. 	15 August
	Call for presentation and/or pitch during SOM1 Inform the AES if you want to give a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - presentation on the state of play on your initiative or project (Day 1) - pitch a new project or initiative for the future work plan (Day 2) 	15 August
	Registration of participants and selection of 'head of delegation' <i>(You will receive the registration link at the end of July)</i>	31 August
	Call for hosts for the next ISOM, SOM1 and ASEMME9 Inform the AES if you're interested to be a host for one of the next senior officials meetings or the next ASEMME	31 August



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