



11 June, 2021

**Subject: Communication in preparation of the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1) of the 8th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**

Dear ASEM Education Senior Officials and Stakeholders,

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is organising the next ASEM Education Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1) on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2021. ASEM Senior Officials and stakeholders are invited to participate in the meeting in preparation of the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEM Education Ministers Meeting (ASEMME8).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting will be held virtually through a digital conferencing tool. The official invitation including a link for registration will be sent to all members and stakeholders by the end of July.

The aim of the meeting is to agree on a finalised version of the ASEM Education Strategy and Action Plan which will be endorsed at the next Ministerial Meeting (ASEMME8) hosted by Thailand in December. Please find a preliminary agenda for the SOM in the attachments to this communication as well as the current draft of the ASEM Education Strategy and Action Plan and a document containing practical information for your preparation.

We are looking forward to meeting you virtually and to keep working on connecting Asia and Europe.

In case of questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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