International Conference of States to Examine and Adopt Amendments to the 1983 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific

25-26 November 2011
Grand Prince Hotel, New Takanawa, Tokyo, Japan

Provisional Agenda

Friday, 25 November 2011

08:00 – 9:00  Registration (outside Tempyo)

09:00 – 9:15  Welcome Remarks
Masaharu Nakagawa
Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan

09:15 – 9:35  Opening Remarks
Margaret Proctor
President, Asia-Pacific Regional Convention Committee
Tang Qian
Assistant Director General for Education, UNESCO

09:35 – 09:50 Adoption of Rules of Procedure
Election: 1 President, 2 Vice-Presidents, 1 General Rapporteur
Chair: Tang Qian

09:50 – 10:30 Election of Credentials Committee
Chair: Conference President

10:30 – 12:00 Overview on the Revised Regional Convention
Discussion on Sections I – IV
Chair: Conference President
Facilitator: Tony Davies

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 14:15 Credentials Committee Report

14:15 – 15:30 Discussion on Sections V – VII
Chair: Conference President
Facilitator: Tony Davies

15:30 – 16:00 Tea break
16:00 – 18:00 Discussion on Sections VIII – X  
   Chair: Conference President  
   Facilitator: Tony Davies

18:00 – 18:30 Any other business
18:45 – 20:45 Welcome dinner  
   hosted by Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and  
   Technology, Japan.

Saturday, 26 November 2011

09:00 – 10:00 Drafting Committee Report  
   Chair: Conference President

10:00 – 13:00 Workshop on Implementation Tools  
   (See annex for detailed agenda)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 Signing of the Revised Regional Convention  
   Chair: Conference President

16:00 – 16:30 Adjournment

16:30 Press Conference
WORKSHOP ON IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS
Saturday, 26 November 2011
10:00 – 13:00

AGENDA

PANEL: Implementation and transparency tools for the Revised Convention

Facilitator:
Stamenka Uvalic-Trumbic, Former Chief of Section of Higher Education, UNESCO

Panelists:
• Ethel Agnes Valenzuela (Philippines),
• Carita Blomqvist (Finland, President of the Lisbon Regional Committee)
• Tsutomu Kimura (Japan)

10:00 – 11:30 - PANEL

1. Ratification procedures and implementation at national level: some examples from South-East Asia
   (Ethel Agnes Valenzuela)

2. Implementation arms of the Convention: examples and challenges from Europe
   (a) Regional Committee: Role and Functions
   (b) Implementation arms of the Convention: National Information Centres and Network
   (Carita Blomqvist)

3. UNESCO Portal to Recognized Higher Education Institutions: Networking and access to reliable and transparent information
   (Tsutomu Kimura)

11:30 – 13:00 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

• Challenges and practices in national ratification and implementation processes
• How to strengthen the APARNET by linking national information bodies into an operational recognition network?
• UNESCO Portal to Recognized Higher Education Institutions: what role can it play in the implementation process?