

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Asia-Pacific Regional ECD Conference

Theme:

The Transformative Power of ECD: The importance of holistic interventions

Siem Reap, Cambodia

March 1-3, 2017

Time/Location	Programme
DAY 0: FEBRUARY 28 (Tuesday)	
07:00am – 12:00pm Angkor Era Hotel	Pre-conference study visit <hr/> Site 1: Leangdai Community Preschool <hr/> Site 2: Taprok Community Preschool <hr/> Site 3: Angkor State Preschool <hr/> Site 4: Sotr Nikum State Preschool <hr/> Site 5: Beng Community Preschool
9:00am – 8:00pm Angkor Era Hotel Lobby	Conference registration
DAY 1: MARCH 1 (Wednesday)	
Angkor Era Hotel	Emcees: Dr. Ros Soveacha and Ms. Seng Janine Plenary 1: Opening Ceremony and Welcome
08:00 – 08:25am	Arrival of national and international participants
08:25 – 08:40am	Arrival of national and international high-ranking guests
08:40 – 08:50am	Arrival of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister
Grand Ballroom	Opening Ceremony
09:00 – 09:05am	National anthem of the Kingdom of Cambodia
09:05 – 09:15am	Welcome Speech: Dr. Sheldon Shaeffer Chair of ARNEC Board of Directors
09:15 – 09:30am	Welcome Speech: Ms. Karin Hulshof Regional Director UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO)
09:30 – 10:15am	Opening Speech: Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

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10:15 – 10:30am	Photo Session with the Prime Minister (Prime Minister, MoEYS, ARNEC Board of Directors and Core Team, UNESCO, UNICEF and Heads of Country Delegations)
10:30 – 10:45am Presidential Suite, 4th Floor	Press Conference (MoEYS, ARNEC and UNICEF)
10:15 – 10:45am	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:00am	Short Remarks from one Minister (Country TBD)
11:00am – 12:00pm Grand Ballroom	Plenary 2: Keynote Address <i>Laying the foundations for a healthy and prosperous society: Investing in early childhood development</i> Professor Frank Oberklaid Director of the Centre for Community Child Health at The Royal Children’s Hospital – Melbourne Honorary Professor of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne
12:00 – 01:30pm Chenla I and II and Lobby Café	Lunch Break Video Presentations
01:30 – 03:00pm Grand Ballroom	Plenary 3: Panel Discussion <i>Early Moments Matter</i> Introduction of the session: Dr. Mae Chu Chang ARNEC Board of Director Moderator: Dr. Chemba Raghavan Regional Education Specialist, UNICEF EAPRO, Bangkok Panel Speakers: Dr. Gaspar Fajth Regional Advisor, Social Policy, UNICEF EAPRO Dr. Douglas Noble Deputy Representative, UNICEF China Mr. Stephen Blight Regional Advisor, Child Protection, UNICEF EAPRO Ms. Christiane Rudert Regional Advisor, Nutrition, UNICEF EAPRO Ms. Urmila Sarkar Regional Education Advisor, UNICEF ROSA Ms. Maki Hayashikawa Chief of Section for Inclusive Quality Education in UNESCO Bangkok, Thailand
03:00 – 03:30pm	Coffee Break
03:30 – 05:30pm Presidential Suite, 4th floor	High-level Meeting of Ministers/Heads of Delegations on SDG Target 4.2 Chair: H.E Dr. Hang Chuon Naron Minister of MoEYS, and Chair of NC-ECCD Co-chair: Ms. Karin Hulshof Regional Director, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO) <i>* This meeting is by invitation only</i>

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<p>03:30 – 05:30pm</p> <p>VENUE 1 Grand Ballroom 1</p>	<p>Concurrent Paper Presentations</p> <hr/> <p>Session Title: <i>Holistic approach to ECD: Some programme practices in the Asia-Pacific Region</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ameena Mohamed Didi UNICEF-ROSA</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Lee Jiao Hao ARNEC Intern</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Ms. Merly Klass Save the Children, Indonesia <i>Taman Pawodda: The initiative strategies to implement ECCD Holistic and Integrative programme in West Sumba, Indonesia</i></p> <p>Ms. Savitri Ray CWDS-Forces Network, India <i>Care within ECD: Reflections from FORCES Network</i></p> <p>Mr. Hugh Delaney UNICEF Thailand <i>Holistic Early Childhood Development Demonstration programme in Thailand</i></p> <p>Mr. Oulath Saengouthay ChildFund International, Laos <i>Holistic Approach to Improved Early Childhood Development in Northern Laos</i></p>
<p>VENUE 2 Grand Ballroom 2</p>	<hr/> <p>Session Title: <i>Providing ECD access to the most marginalized young children</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Monisha Diwan ARNEC Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Eunhye Park ARNEC Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Mr. Sarang Out Save the Children, Cambodia <i>Challenges and opportunities for deprived children in flooded and floating communities to access ECCD services</i></p> <p>Dr. Eva Chen The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology , Hong Kong <i>Closing the Gap: Supporting Ethnic Minority Children and Caregivers in Hong Kong</i></p> <p>Ms. Nilda Delgado MindHaven School, Inc., Philippines <i>Demystifying the Diagnosis: An Inclusive School's Approach in improving the Socio-Emotional Skills of Children with Disabilities</i></p> <p>Mr. Filip Lenaerts VVOB Vietnam <i>Addressing children's barriers to learning and participation through well-being and involvement in preschools in disadvantaged, ethnically diverse districts in Vietnam</i></p>
<p>VENUE 3 Annex 1 Meeting Room Ground Floor</p>	<hr/> <p>Session Title: <i>Addressing health and child protection needs in ECD</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Chiam Heng Keng</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Marilyn Manuel ARNEC Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Mr. Sopheak Noun ChildFund International, Cambodia <i>Community Based Child Protection Mechanisms Project</i></p> <p>Ms. Jessica Chludia Wahana Visi, Indonesia <i>Pawis Hilir: the journey to becoming a child/ECD friendly village</i></p> <p>Ms. Yasmeen Mehboob Aga Khan Education Service, Pakistan <i>Health Screening in early stages: An approach towards healthier in whole life</i></p> <p>Ms. Sara Dang Save the Children <i>Adversity and early childhood in post-earthquake in Nepal: examining the relationship between cumulative adversity and children's holistic development</i></p>

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VENUE 4 Executive Meeting Room 2nd floor	<p>Session Title: <i>Data analysis and policy support for effective ECD</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Christine Chen ARNEC Board of Director</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Karma Gayleg ARNEC Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Ms. Amrita Goswami USAID, India <i>Early Childhood Care & Education Policy – where are we? (Case of India)</i></p> <p>Dr. Romona Gananathan (Atkinson Centre for Society and Child Development, OISE/University of Toronto, Canada) <i>Evaluating Early Childhood Policy Frameworks</i></p> <p>Ms. Sophea Nhonh UNICEF, Cambodia <i>How are Cambodia's Children Developing? The Evidence-based policy recommendations for Early Childhood Care and Development - An Analysis of Cambodia's Data from EAP-ECD Scales by HKU</i></p> <p>Mr. Jan Berkes DIW Berlin/World Bank, Germany <i>Combining Supply and Demand-side Interventions: Evidence from a vast Early Childcare programme in Cambodia</i></p>
18:30 – 20:30pm Swimming Pool Area, Angkor Era Hotel	<p>Gala Dinner with cultural presentation hosted by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Cambodia</p> <p><i>*Participants are encouraged to wear their national costume</i></p>
DAY 2: MARCH 2 (Thursday)	
Emcees: Dr. Ros Soveacha and Ms. Seng Janine	
09:00 – 09:10am Grand Ballroom	Day 2 Welcome from one Minister (Country TBD)
09:10 – 09:15am	Daily Announcements
09:15 – 10:15am Grand Ballroom	<p>Plenary 4: Sub-theme 1 Keynote Presentation</p> <p><i>How can early childhood policies help to achieve service equity and quality?</i></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Dr. Emily Vargas-Baron Director, RISE Institute</p> <p>Q&A</p>
10:15 – 10:45am	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Q&A</p>
10:45 – 11:45am Grand Ballroom	<p>Plenary 5: Sub-theme 2 Keynote Presentation</p> <p><i>Structural Challenges to Ensuring Inclusion and Equity in Holistic ECD</i></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Dr. Manzoor Ahmed Professor Emeritus at BRAC University in Dhaka and Chair of Bangladesh Early Childhood Development Network (BEN)</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:00 – 01:30pm Chenla I and II and Lobby Café	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p>Video Presentations</p>

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01:30 – 03:00pm	Parallel Sessions
VENUE 1 Grand Ballroom 1	<p>Panel Discussion: <i>Mother tongue-based multilingual education (MTB-MLE) in early years</i> Moderator: Ms. Maki Hayashikawa UNESCO Bangkok Rapporteur: Ms. Kyungah Bang UNESCO Panel Speakers: Dr. Sheldon Shaeffer ARNEC Chair of the Board of Directors Dr. Lava Deo Awasthi Chief, Nepal Language Commission H.E. Prak Kosal Director of Early Childhood Education Department, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport; and Deputy General Secretary for the ECCD General Secretariat, ECCD National Committee, Cambodia Undersecretary Dina Ocampo Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction Department of Education, Philippines</p>
VENUE 2 Grand Ballroom 2	<p>Session Title: <i>Policies and programmes addressing the holistic nature of ECD</i> Moderator: Dr. Sukhdeep Gill Associate Professor, Penn State University Rapporteur: Mr. Zhixin Du ARNEC Steering Committee Member Presenters: Dr. Eunhye Park, Professor Department of Early Childhood Education, Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea <i>Different Problems and Same Theme: Policies addressing holistic nature of ECD</i></p> <p>IECD in Viet Nam 2017-2021 <i>From Policy to Practice</i></p> <p>Prof. Muhammad Rafique Tahir Joint Educational Advisor, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Trainings, Pakistan <i>Holistic ECD in Pakistan</i></p>
VENUE 3 Annex 1 Meeting Room Ground Floor	<p>Session Title: <i>Orientation on the East Asia-Pacific Early Child Development Scales (EAP-ECDS)</i> Introduction to the Scale: ARNEC or UNICEF EAPRO Presenters/Facilitators: Dr. Diana Lee and Dr. Yvonne Becher The University of Hong Kong Rapporteur: Ms. Andrea See ARNEC Secretariat</p>
VENUE 4 Executive Meeting Room 2nd floor	<p>Workshop on International Development and Early Learning Assessment (Save the Children) Moderator: Ms. Sara Dang Save the Children Rapporteur: Mr. Karma Gayleg ARNEC Steering Committee Member</p>
03:00 – 03:30pm	Coffee Break

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<p>03:30 – 05:30pm</p> <p>VENUE 1 Grand Ballroom 1</p>	<p>Parallel Sessions/Concurrent Paper Presentations</p> <hr/> <p>Panel Discussion: <i>Addressing equity and inclusion in ECD: Achievements and Challenges</i> Moderator: Mr. Cliff Meyers Rapporteur: ARNEC Panel Speakers: H.E Lor Chhavanna Deputy General Secretary for the ECCD General Secretariat, ECCD National Committee, Cambodia Mr. Tibor Van Staveren Regional Programme Manager, ChildFund International, Asia Region Ms. Elaissa Mendoza Educational Research and Innovation Office, SEAMEO Innotech Dr. Melanie Swan Global Advisor Early Childhood Development, Plan International Mr. Sherab Phuntshok Chief Programme Officer, ECCD&SEN Division, MoE Bhutan Ms. Ufemia Bera Camaitoga PRC4ECCE, Pacific Council</p>
<p>VENUE 2 Grand Ballroom 2</p>	<p>Session Title: <i>ECD Noteworthy Practices and Initiatives</i> Moderator: Ms. Silke Friesendorf ARNEC Secretariat Rapporteur: Mr. Zhixin Du ARNEC Steering Committee Member Presenters: Ms. Evelyn D. Santiago ARNEC Ms. Kyungah Bang UNESCO Bangkok <i>Effective Pedagogical Approaches in ECCE in the Asia-Pacific Region: A resource pack</i> Ms. Evelyn D. Santiago Executive Director, ARNEC <i>The Global Compact Initiative for Early Childhood Development (An initiative in partnership with New York Academy of Sciences)</i> Ms. Sara Dang Save the Children <i>IDELA Cross-country report</i></p>
<p>VENUE 3 Annex 1 Meeting Room Ground Floor</p>	<p>Session Title: <i>Multi-sectoral collaboration for ECD</i> Moderator: ARNEC Rapporteur: Ms. Andrea See ARNEC Secretariat Presenters: Ms. Maria Johanna Pia Ortiz-Luis Cartwheel Foundation, Philippines <i>Building the Child's Resilience through Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration in Education and Health</i> Ms. Manjula Sandamali Rajapaksha Pathirage ChildFund International, Sri Lanka <i>Conducive Environment to Achieve Proper Growth and Development for Infants and Young Children- "Lead Mothers as Agent of Change"</i> Mr. Sopheak Noun ChildFund International, Cambodia <i>Community Led Child Nutrition Project</i></p>

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VENUE 4 Executive Meeting Room 2nd floor	<p>Session Title: <i>Equitable access to ECD</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Marilyn Manuel ARNEC Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Lee Jiao Hao ARNEC Intern</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Dr. Ben Richards The University of Hong Kong <i>Why should we focus on equitable access and participation? Evidence from the East Asia-Pacific Early Child Development Scales</i></p> <p>Dr. Tsendsuren Tume Mongolian National University of Education <i>Home-based early childhood education for the most disadvantaged children in peri-urban areas</i></p> <p>Ms. Romi Laskin The Life Skills Development Foundation, Thailand <i>Promoting Holistic Child Development in Remote Indigenous Communities on the Thailand-Myanmar Border: Collaborating with Community Stakeholders and Government Partners to Maximize Impact</i></p>
VENUE 5 Executive Meeting Room 4th floor	<p>Session Title: <i>Getting children ready for school</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Mae Chu Chang ARNEC Board of Director</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Mugyeong Moon ARNEC Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Ms. Madhu Rajbhandari Munankami Setogurans Child Development Service <i>School Readiness of Children in Nepal: Issues, Efforts and Results</i></p> <p>Dr. Zeenat Janmohamed George Brown College, Canada <i>Integrating early education and care with primary education -Schools at the Centre: Lessons from Ontario's Full Day Kindergarten Programmes</i></p> <p>Ms. Patricia Young Child to Child, United Kingdom <i>Getting Ready for School: A Child to Child approach</i></p> <p>Dr. Arnaud Laillou UNICEF, Cambodia <i>Early Child Development in 6 districts of Cambodia – challenges for appropriate growth: 2016 data</i></p>
Late afternoon	MoEYS Cambodia will arrange an Angkor Wat tour for Government Delegates
07:00 – 08:30pm (Location: TBD)	<p>Film Showing: “The Beginning of Life”</p> <p><i>*Brief panel discussion to follow after the film showing – managed by UNICEF Cambodia.</i></p>
DAY 3: MARCH 3 (Friday)	
	Emcees: Dr. Ros Soveacha and Ms. Seng Janine
09:00 – 09:10am Grand Ballroom	Day 3 Welcome from one Minister (Country TBD)
09:10 – 09:20am Grand Ballroom	Sharing of highlights from the High-Level Meeting of Ministers/Vice Ministers (Minister from one country, TBD)
09:20 – 10:15am Grand Ballroom	<p>Plenary 6: Sub-theme 3 Keynote Presentation</p> <p><i>Monitoring ECD Quality Outcomes: Need and Way Forward</i></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Dr. Venita Kaul Executive Chairperson of the Advisory Committee of the Center for Early Childhood Education and Development, Ambedkar University Delhi</p> <p>Q&A</p>
10:15 – 10:45am	Coffee Break

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10:45am – 12:15pm	Panel Discussion/Concurrent Paper Presentations
VENUE 1 Grand Ballroom 1	<p>Panel Discussion: Monitoring ECD Quality Outcomes: Country strategies and regional initiatives/tools Moderator: Ms. Tina Hyder Open Society Foundations Rapporteur: Ms. Andrea See ARNEC Secretariat Speakers: Mr. Simeth Beng Senior Operations Officer, World Bank Office-Cambodia Ms. Marianne O’Grady Technical Advisor International Programme Team, Save the Children Ms. Evelyn D. Santiago Executive Director, ARNEC Speakers from 2 countries (TBD) – Tentative: Lao PDR and Malaysia</p>
VENUE 2 Annex 1 Meeting Room Ground Floor	<p>Session Title: Improving learning outcomes for young children Moderator: Dr. Mugyeong Moon ARNEC Steering Committee Member Rapporteur: Mr. Zhixin Du ARNEC Steering Committee Member Presenters: Mr. Habibur Rahman Senior Education Advisor, Save the Children, Bangladesh Ms. Roxana Khanom Save the Children, Bangladesh Building the Human Capital of Tomorrow: An Impact Evaluation of the Early Childhood Stimulation Programme in Bangladesh Ms. Rany Khoy Save the Children, Cambodia First Read: The Transformative Power of Home-Based ECCD Interventions to Improve Learning Outcomes for Children Ms. Soth Sakan Plan International, Cambodia and Dr. Emma Pearson International Consultant Outcomes of an integrated approach to early childhood care and development in Siem Reap, Cambodia</p>
VENUE 3 Executive Meeting Room 2nd floor	<p>Session Title: Looking at the impact of ECD in some countries Moderator: Dr. Eunhye Park ARNEC Steering Committee Member Rapporteur: Mr. Karma Gayleg ARNEC Steering Committee Member Presenters: Ms. Hosneara Khondker Save the Children, Bangladesh Follow up impact study of 0-3 programming on parents and children in SCI Bangladesh Mr. Abdul Wakil Aga Khan Foundation, Afghanistan The impact of investing in ECD Afghanistan Ms. Karma Dyenka Save the Children, Bhutan National ECCD Centre Programme Impact Evaluation 2015</p>
VENUE 4 Executive Meeting Room 4th floor	<p>Session Title: Inclusive and Innovative approaches to ECD Moderator: Ms. Sara Dang ARNEC Steering Committee Member Rapporteur: Mr. Lee Jiao Hao ARNEC Intern Presenters: Ms. Dharitri Patnaik Bernard Van Leer Foundation, India Mr. Vishal Kumar Dev Indian Administrative Service Commissioner cum Secretary, Women & Child Development Department, Government of Odisha Language Matters & So Does Many Other Factors-Scaling Up Mother Tongue Based Early Childhood Care & Development Ms. Ding Zhen Xin Preschool Market Pte. Ltd, Singapore Parent-Child Bonding through Meaningful Play Experience Mr. Sovann Yim Save the Children, Cambodia Utilization of listening and dialogue groups to facilitate the delivery of health, growth and development messages for children in Kratie Province, Cambodia</p>

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12:15 – 01:45pm Chenla I and II and Lobby Café	Lunch Break
01:45 – 02:00pm	All goes back to Grand Ballroom for the closing ceremony
02:00 – 02:45pm Grand Ballroom	Plenary 7: Closing and Announcements ARNEC Announcement and Country Commitments Ms. Evelyn D. Santiago ARNEC's Executive Director Closing Remarks and Word of Thanks One Minister (on behalf of all Government Delegates, TBD) H.E Dr. Hang Chuon Naron Minister of MoEYS, and Chair of NC-ECCD Dr. Mae Chu Chang ARNEC's Board of Director
MAR 4	Participants are encouraged to have a tour of Angkor Wat