

Going Global 2013: International Perspective Towards Education

World education leaders and academics will gather in UAE for a one-of-a-kind conference from March 4 to 6, 2013 to discuss the major role of higher education and skills in developing global knowledge economies.

The programme entitled "Going Global 2013," is the British Council's major international conference on the future of global knowledge economies which will include government ministers and business leaders from more than 70 countries and is part of the British Council's prestigious annual "Going Global" series.

The event will launch five new pieces of major research: a report mapping the development of cross-border education and research on the economic value of international skills.

On the occasion of its announcement, UAE British Council's director Richard Cotton said: "We are delighted to be bringing "Going Global" to Dubai for the first time, and I believe that for the rapidly transforming Middle East, North African and South Asian regions, Dubai is an excellent location for this meeting of global education leaders."

Delegates can register to attend and access the full conference programme at www.ihe.britishcouncil.org/goingglobal

Bookings are being taken starting today, and there is an early bird discount for those who will register before Friday, December 14.

This year's theme is Global education: knowledge-based economies for 21st century nations and the programme is built around three strands: Research and innovation - the role of international collaboration; Developing skilled knowledge workers: the role of interna-

tional collaboration; and internationalising tertiary education structures and systems.

Highlights of the "Going Global 2013" programme include the world's experts in their field participating in sessions on "Soft Power"; "Higher Education and Cultural Diplomacy"; "How to Create Globally Skilled Young Entrepreneurs"; "21st Century nations - no place for the humanities?"; "How to Create the Conditions for Jobs and Growth in a Global Economy?"; "International Occupational Standards - the New Global Currency?"; "The Role of Higher Education in Transforming Societies"; "Are We Witnessing an Era of 'Co-Creation' of knowledge?"; and "Do Universities have a Moral Obligation to Drive Change for Stability and Societal Good?"

In addition, "Going Global" will launch five new pieces of major research: on an exploration across nine countries of the cultural skills global employers require, from British Council, Booz Allen Hamilton and IPSOS; a report on the social and economic impact of transnational education on host countries and index of future transnational opportunities by the British Council; a report on how the vision for higher education in the UK will affect future graduate's employability, by the UK's University Alliance; a study of student's perceptions of barriers to their outward mobility in the UK, Australia and USA by the British Council and the official launch of the "Times Higher Education's 2013 Global University Reputation Rankings."

British Council's Chief Executive Martin Davidson said: "We believe international collaboration is vital for the UK's growth and prosperity and 'Going Global' provides the perfect forum for debate, discussion and networking. We have created a diverse programme to respond to some of the current key challenges affecting higher education and skills around the world, and I look forward to the stimulating discourse."

"Going Global" speakers will include: BRAC Chairman Fazle Hasan Abed; Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Deputy Director General Mukhtar Ahmed; Mr. Davidson; Qatar Foundation President Mohammad Fathy Saoud; University of Cardiff President Colin Riordan; Association of Arab Universities Secretary General Sultan Abu-Orabi; University of Bristol and President of Universities UK Eric Thomas and Fatima Jinnah Women University Vice-Chancellor Saeeda Asadullah Khan.

