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Strengthening international collaboration towards peaceful and sustainable futures!

UNESCO ASPnet Conference 2023 in Berlin

Date: 6-8 June 2023

Location: German Federal Foreign Office, Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin

Organisers: German Commission for UNESCO (Deutsche UNESCO-Kommission e.V. – DUK) / International Coordination Unit for the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet)

Participants: ASPnet National Coordinators, Secretary-Generals of National Commissions, experts and guests

Moderators: Klaus Schilling (DUK, ASPnet Germany) & Erik Eschweiler-Dienerowitz (UNESCO ASPnet)

The Berlin ASPnet Conference provides a platform for encounter, exchange and joint planning in the year of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of UNESCO Associated Schools Network. The conference offers opportunities to develop new ideas for ASPnet, to reflect experiences from the past and present and to discuss the needs and possibilities for a successful path to strengthen ASPnet for the future. Through a participatory approach all participants of the conference will have the chance to share their views and to connect with each other in depth. Thereby the Berlin ASPnet Conference will contribute to the internationalization of the network and will help to implement the new strategy and to connect and co-create activities for peaceful and sustainable futures. A French translation will be provided throughout the plenary sessions of the conference.

Conference programme – 6 June 2023

Registration at the German Federal Foreign Office starts at 15.00; coffee and water will be provided.

1. Opening of the conference

Time: 16.30-17.00

Knut Zuchan, German Federal Foreign Office

Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education UNESCO (Video)

Roman Luckscheiter, Secretary-General, German Commission for UNESCO

2. Keynotes and dialogue: The futures of ASPnet – insights and perspectives

Time: 17.00-18.00

Introduction: Julie Saito, International Coordinator of UNESCO ASPnet

Keynote speaker:

Dr. Jim Taylor, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Prof. Dr. Felisa Tibbitts, Columbia University, USA / Utrecht University, The Netherlands

3. Getting to know each other

Time: 18.00-18.20

4. Buffet: light dinner

Time: 18.20-19.00

5. Presentation of various ASPnet pilot projects

Time: 19.00-20.30

Moderator: Erik Eschweiler-Dienerowitz (UNESCO ASPnet)

Gift a Poem: Malgorzata Herbich (Poland) and Maddumage Awanthi Senaratne (Sri Lanka)

Action for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages – Arts for Transformative Education: Isabelle LeVert-Chiasson (Canada)

Recreation Project: Nina Kramareva (Ukraine) and Klaus Schilling (Germany)

Change Initiative: Nancy Njeri (Kenya) and Daniela Zallocco (Argentina)

Fostering Global Citizens through the Memory of the World: Marieke Brugman (Netherlands) and Kofi Kwakye (Ghana)

Climate Action Project / Whole School Approach for ESD: Jasmin Frischemeier and Klaus Schilling (Germany)

6. Wrap up and outlook for the next day

Time: 20.30-20.45

Closure by 21.00

Conference programme – 7 June 2023

Doors open at 09.00

7. Welcome to Day 2 of the Conference - professional group photo

Time: 10.00-10.15

8. New ASPnet Strategy 2022 – 2030: Building peaceful and sustainable futures through transformative education

Presentation

Time: 10.15-10.45

Julie Saito & Katja Anger, UNESCO ASPnet

Q&A

9. Coffee break

Time: 10.45-11.00

10. Parallel Break-out Workshops: Transforming our network for the future – part 1

Time: 11.00-12.15

- New ASPnet Strategy and Activities (Moderator: Katja Anger, UNESCO ASPnet)
- Digital ASPnet Infrastructure (Moderator: Rembert Jonckheere, H el ene Darne, UNESCO ASPnet)
- Youth Participation and Empowerment (Moderator: Julie Saito, Pengjia Zhong, UNESCO ASPnet)
 - Including presentation on “ASPUnivNet as enabler for Youth Empowerment” by Prof. Dr. Makoto Kobayashi, Tamagawa University, Japan

11. Lunch break

Time: 12.15-13.45

12. Plenary: sharing impressions, questions and thoughts from the workshops

Time: 13.45-14.00

13. Parallel Break-out Workshops: Transforming our network for the future – part 2

Time: 14.00-15.15

- New ASPnet Strategy and Activities (Moderator: Katja Anger, UNESCO ASPnet)
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14. Plenary: sharing impressions, questions and thoughts from the workshops

Time: 15.15-15.30

15. ASPnet 70th anniversary - Fostering a Culture of Peace and Sustainability!

Time: 15.30-15.45

Julie Saito, International Coordinator of ASPnet

16. Arts Education for Peace – creating a global artwork together!

Time: 15.45-16.00

Jasmin Oemig-Adler and Nicole Glock, Goetheschule Dieburg

17. Gallery walk

Time: 16.00-16.45

Initiatives, collaborative projects, events and campaigns for you to explore and join and new ideas for international collaboration and the future of ASPnet

- 70th anniversary corner (Erik Eschweiler-Dienerowitz and Annika Roes, UNESCO ASPnet)
- Creating an artwork together! (Jasmin Oemig-Adler and Nicole Glock, Goetheschule Dieburg)
- Peace Tree Project (Ann Beatty, United Kingdom, and Lamin Jarjou, Gambia)
- Digital School Exchanges (Seo Hyunsook and Song Kwon, Republic of Korea)
- World Cultural Heritage Youth Symposium (Vasilis Papalymperis, Hellenic Cultural and Educational Club for UNESCO)
- Young Citizen Science to measure the weather/climate and Young Climate Action for World Heritage (Jasmin Frischemeier, Johanna R ubcke and Shaimaa Abdellah)
- Handprints for Care, miniSASS, Sustainability starts with Teachers (Jim Taylor)
- Teaching and Learning with Living Heritage (Videos)
- ... more possibilities

18. Coffee break

Time: 16.45-17.00

19. Plenary: Report-back from workshops

Time: 17.00-17.30

Julie Saito, Katja Anger, Rembert Jonckheere (UNESCO ASPnet)

20. Plenary: Takeaways, Learnings and next joint steps

Time: 17.30-18.00

Julie Saito (UNESCO ASPnet) & Klaus Schilling (DUK, ASPnet Germany)

Closure by 18.30

21. Joint dinner in the Relexa Hotel, Anhalter Str. 8, 10963 Berlin

Time: 19.30-21.30

22. Little walking tour in the center of Berlin (*optional*)

Time: 21.30-22.30

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Bus transfer from the Hotels to the Nelson-Mandela-School will be provided.

23. Excursion to Nelson-Mandela-School (UNESCO ASPnet in Berlin)

Presentation of good practices at Nelson-Mandela-Schule (Black History Class, School Partnership, Global Citizenship Education, and more)

Time: 10.00-11.30

24. Feedback and Evaluation

Time: 11.30 – 12.15

25. Lunch

Time: 12.15 – 13.00

The conference ends at 13.00. A bus transfer to the Hotels will be provided.