Webinar: Lifelong Learning, Learning Cities and Smart Cities

2 December 2021, 10:00-11.30h CET; 17:00-18:30h GMT+8

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) cordially invite you to the webinar 'Lifelong Learning, Learning Cities and Smart Cities' on 2 December 2021.

It will present the recently published ADB book 'Powering a Learning Society During an Age of Disruption', with contributions from policymakers, practitioners, and researchers. The book emphasizes the need to build learning societies and engage many stakeholders for sustainable and lifelong learning. How to realize this in urban areas and specifically in learning cities is the topic of a contribution by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning in the publication.

With half the world's population now living in cities, a learning city seeks to offer composite lifelong learning through different actors, be they local governments, institutions or communities. A learning city promotes education and learning opportunities for all, young or old, in formal or non-formal settings and particularly reaching the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

With the rise of disruptive technologies, smart cities aim to put technology to work for the benefit of citizens. On the one hand, smart education is a component in smart city development, incorporating elements of e-learning infrastructure, digital tools and innovations through education technologies. On the other hand, smart city development requires skilled and educated workforce that education systems need to invest in terms of education and training.

This joint webinar by the Asian Development Bank and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning will explore the importance of lifelong learning, the gains made in learning cities and smart cities and the contemporary role of education and skills development in the context of urban agglomerations. As digitalization gathers pace, it is important to ensure equity and inclusion while putting the best of technology to work for the betterment of education. The webinar in particular will unpack the interconnections between education and other components that make up smart and livable cities and serve the future needs of economies and societies.

Draft Agenda

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10:00 – 10:10 CET **17:00 – 17:10 GMT+8**	**Welcome** Dr Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela, Director, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), member of UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning Governing Board

10:10 – 10:40 CET 17:10 – 17:40 GMT+8	'Powering a Learning Society During an Age of Disruption' – perspectives of selected authors • Sungsup Ra, Chair, Education Sector Committee, Asian Development Bank • David Atchoarena, Director UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning • Shanti Jagannathan, Principal Education Specialist, Asian Development Bank
10:40 – 11:00 CET 17:40 – 18:00 GMT+8	Panelists 'Insights on learning and training for livable cities' • Diane Tabbagh, learning city focal point, UNESCO learning city of Wyndham, Australia • Michael Osborne, Professor of Adult and Lifelong Learning, University of Glasgow
11:00 – 11:20 CET 18:00 – 18:20 GMT+8	Question and answers
11.20 – 11:30h CET 18:20 – 17:30 GMT+8	Closing Remarks • Christina Drews, UNESCO Global Learning Cities Network • Brajesh Panth, Chief of Education Sector Group, Asian Development Bank

Registration

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