

02 **innoLab**

ASEF HIGHER EDUCATION

UNIVERSITIES' ROLE IN ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE (AI) INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS

DRAFT PROGRAMME







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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

PIONEER SESSIONS	ACTION SESSIONS
Facilitated interactive group sessions with guest speakers and lots of exchanges, 2hrs each week	Small group sessions focusing on action plan development with mentors, 1hr each week
Week 1 Getting to Know Each Other & Explore Challenges	 Small group sessions with peers and mentors for exchange
Week 2 Value Propositions and Target Groups - Beneficiaries On Campus and Off Campus	
Week 3 Activities and Resources – Teaching and Research Contributing to AI Innovation Ecosystems	 Discussing the Action Plan Content and BMC segments
Week 4 Stakeholder Groups – Working with Private & Public Sector to Improve AI Powered Activities	
Week 5 Outcomes and Impact – Critical View of Measuring Outcomes in AI Teaching and Research	 Peer discussions and exchanges of experience in small groups
Week 6 Wrap up and Presenting Action Plans of Participants	
	 Continuous Review of Action Plans with Mentors and Peers

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Week 1 | Getting to Know Each Other & Explore Challenges

Thursday, 4 November 2021 | Pioneer Session led by Facilitators

8:00-10.00
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Welcome and Introductions

- ◆ Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN, Director, Education Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
- ◆ Prof Shen YI, Director of International Institution of Global Cyberspace Governance, Director of Center for BRICS Studies, Fudan University, China
- ◆ Dr Christopher TREMEWAN, Secretary-General, Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)

Getting to Know Each Other and Challenges

2.5-minute pitches of participants with reflection after each group of 5 presenters

- ◆ Introduction including participants profile, position, responsibilities, an achievement that she is most proud of, and a challenge that she is facing within her institution.

Introduction to the Programme by Expert Facilitator

Explaining the framework of the programme and the action plan

Friday, 5 November 2021 | Action Session led by mentors

60 mins

Timing TBD

Small-Group Session led by Mentors

These sessions are dedicated to discussing the content and ideas emerging from the Pioneer Session in a small group, in a safe and inclusive environment. Each Action Session will consist of a max of 10 participants. Attendance in this Small Group Session is optional. However, participants are encouraged to make the best use of these sessions.

Week 2 | Value Proposition and Target Group – Beneficiaries On Campus and Off Campus in AI Innovation Ecosystems

Thursday, 11 November 2021 | Pioneer Session led by facilitators

08:00- 10:00
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Round table discussion with guest speakers from Asia and Europe, sharing their value proposition and their target groups:

- ◆ Dr Joana RESENDE, Pro-Rector - Strategic Planning, Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Transfer, CEO of UPTEC – Science and Technology Park of University of Porto, Portugal
- ◆ Dr Alex LIN, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Nanyang Technological University, NTUitive Pte Ltd., Singapore
- ◆ Prof Wei ZHONGYU, Professor of School of Big Data, Fudan University

Facilitator led Group Discussion

Breakout room discussions along the following lead questions: *What value would you like to create? What value does your action plan deliver to stakeholders and target group? What needs will your action plan meet? Why is it a good idea? Whom are your actions targeting? How can you best describe the direct beneficiaries of your action?*

Friday, 12 November 2021 | Action Session led by mentors

60 mins

Timing TBD

Small-Group Session led by Mentors

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Week 3 | Activities - Teaching and Research Activities Contributing to AI Innovation Ecosystems

Thursday, 18 November 2021 | Live Online Pioneer Session

08:00 –
10:00 GMT

Guest speakers from Asia and Europe, sharing their strategy on actions in teaching and research

- ◆ Dr Aleksandra PRZEGALIŃSKA-SKIERKOWSKA, Vice-Rector Responsible for International Cooperation and ESR, Kozminski University, Poland

- ◆ Mr ZHU Shiqiang, President, Zhejiang Lab; Vice-President of Zhejiang University, China

Facilitator led Group Discussion

Breakout room discussions with the following lead questions: *What key activities are required to fulfil the value proposition? What activities are needed to create collaborations and relationships with stakeholders/target groups? What foundation is already available within the organisation for an activity? What are the boundaries you must operate within (time, policy, culture, structures)?*

Friday, 19 November 2021 | Action Session led by mentors

60 mins
Timing TBD

Small-Group Session led by Mentors

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Week 4 | Stakeholder Groups – Working with Public and Private Stakeholders

Thursday, 25 November 2021 | Live Online Pioneer Session

08:00 –
10:00 GMT

Panel discussion with guest speakers from Asia and Europe representing different types of stakeholders:

- ◆ Policy perspective: UNESCO International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence (IRCAI)
- ◆ Industry perspective: Mr Arno Meerman, CEO & Founder, University Industry Innovation Network, The Netherlands
- ◆ University perspective: Dr Rajiv Vaid BASAIWMOIT, Head of Sci-tech Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Aarhus University, Denmark
- ◆ Student perspective: TBD

Facilitator led Group Discussion

Breakout room discussions along the following lead questions: *Who needs to be consulted? Who will you need as a partner? From whom do you require validation or permission (formal or informal)? Which relationships have you already established? What actions are needed to engage new stakeholders? How are these relationships interlinked? How can you create a dynamic, ongoing exchange with stakeholders? What socio-economic or cultural factors need to be taken into consideration?*

Friday, 26 November 2021 | Action Session led by mentors

60 mins
Timing TBD

Small-Group Session led by Mentors

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Week 5 | Outcomes and Impact – Critical View of Measuring Outcomes in AI Teaching & Research

Thursday, 2 December 2021 | Live Online Pioneer Session

08:00 – 10:00 GMT **Guest speakers from Asia and Europe, sharing their ways of going about outcome and impact measurement in teaching and research:**

- ◆ Prof Pascale FUNG, Director, Center for AI Research (CAiRE), Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST)
- ◆ Dr Mislav BALKOVIC, Dean, Algebra University College, Croatia

Presentations will be followed by Facilitator-led breakout rooms. Participants will reflect upon the practices employed by their own university and assess their effectiveness against the good practices presented. Participants will include bespoke methods into their BMC.

Friday, 3 December 2021 | Action Session led by mentors

60 mins
Timing TBD **Small-Group Session led by Mentors**
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Week 6 | Summary and Presenting Acton Plan of Participants

Thursday, 9 December 2021 | Live Online Pioneer Session

08:00 – 10:00 GMT **Presentation of Action Plans, Reflections, Summary, Moving Forward.**

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