

## '4 for 3' offer for UK ENIC 22 face-to-face conference bookings, ends Friday 16 December



There is still time to secure the special '4 for 3' discount we are offering for our re-arranged face-to-face UKENIC22 conference, which takes place at the QEII Centre, Westminster, London, on Monday 20 February 2023.

This offer is only available until this Friday, 16 December. It means when you book four places, you get one of them completely free. You can secure this discount using the [booking form here](#). This discount will be automatically applied when you book four places. This offer is also available to those who have already booked. For example, if you have already secured three places, you can now add another colleague for free or if you have already booked two places, you can book one and get another for free. To do so please contact [conference@enic.org.uk](mailto:conference@enic.org.uk).

The overarching theme for UKENIC22 is '*Shifting Balance, Changing Models*'. The conference features a mix of expert speakers, workshops, discussion panels, plenary presentations, and Q&As.

Our keynote speaker is unchanged and will be Edward Paice, Director of *Africa Research Institute* and author of the acclaimed *Youthquake: Why African Demography Should Matter to the World*, a study of Africa's youth and growth, and what this means not only for the future of the continent, but for the rest of the world.

We are pleased to host this face-to-face conference in partnership with [Skills for English](#).

## Festive period; service closing dates



Season's greetings to all our members, colleagues, and readers.

As we approach the festive period, please note our end-of-year service closing dates.

The closing date for submission of 5-day member enquiries which we guarantee will be completed in 2022 is Thursday 15 December.

The closing date for 48-hour member enquiries is Tuesday 20 December.

Enquiries submitted after these dates may not be answered until 2023. If you have deadlines, we recommend you plan early and allow more time for your enquiry to be answered.

Our phone lines and live chat services for members will close at 5pm UK time on Tuesday 20 December.

Our offices will be closed from our close of business on 23 December 2022, re-opening at 9am UK time on 3 January 2023.

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## Plan ahead your professional development: 2023 training calendar launched

The event will be presented in association with OxfordAQA, the Oxford Test of English and TOEFL.

It will also be supported by ApplyBoard, Cambridge University Press and Assessment, Dialexy, Gecko, Language Cert, OMPT, Qualification Check, and The West African Examinations Council.

You can view / download the [full conference programme here](#) [PDF]. This re-arranged event will run a programme as close as possible to that planned for the original date of Monday 7 November, which was postponed due to the impact of a planned rail strike. [READ MORE](#)



To help members plan professional development activities for the year ahead, for themselves and for their teams, the [Ecctis / UK ENIC 2023 Training and Events Calendar](#) [PDF] has been published.

The programme covers a range of topics including education fraud, international qualification evaluation methodologies, admissions processes to support robust decision-making around international qualifications, and key markets including India and China.

We will also be continuing digital provision for international customers and those who enjoy the flexibility of remote training – highlights of the 2023 calendar will include exploring new areas including an 'Asia Select' webinar series covering Nepal, the Philippines, and Vietnam. Our popular and interactive 'Introduction to Admissions' series will run again to support newer members of admissions teams, as well as opportunities to explore our tools and resources in our 'Using the Databases' session.

In May, we will hold our first ever training week in Scotland, including sessions tailored to the needs of both new and experienced staff [READ MORE](#)

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## Free webinar: new digital certificate platform for West African qualifications

**Going Digital, The WAEC Approach to transforming Africa's Academic & Employment Mobility.**

**Join us January 11th**



Following the introduction by The West African Examinations Council (WAEC) of a new digital certificate platform for Nigeria, we are pleased to invite you to find out more at a free webinar on Wednesday 11 January, 10:00 hrs UK time.

The new digital certificate promises to simplify processes for institutions and employers across the world, enabling them to instantly check and verify qualifications online.

WAEC is the foremost examination body that serves Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and The Gambia, with around 3 million students sitting its examinations each year.

You can find out more and register to attend using the [online form here](#).

### This free webinar will:

- Provide an overview of the WAEC Digital Certificate Platform that will be delivered by Patrick E Areghan, Head of National Office at WAEC Nigeria
- Discuss the future of student mobility from West Africa [READ MORE](#)

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## European Qualifications Passport for Refugees project update

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## Updated guidance for new post K-12 Philippine Bachelor degrees



Following an update to our comparability advice, UK ENIC considers Bachelor degrees from the Philippines, awarded from 2022 onwards, comparable to a UK Bachelor degree.

The education system in the Philippines has undergone major reforms in recent years, with the introduction of a K-12 school structure. As students now enter higher education after Grade 12 rather than Grade 10, there have also been significant changes to degree programmes.



The Project Co-ordination Group for the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees (EQPR) met last month, at the Council of Europe headquarters in Strasbourg, France.

The EQPR is a cross-Europe initiative led by the Council of Europe and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Teams of trained credential evaluators from participating ENIC-NARIC centres assess the skills of individuals who have missing or partial qualification documentation by way of structured questionnaires and interviews.

At the meeting, group members discussed progress to date, and future plans to ensure the project's continued success.

UK ENIC was a pioneer in developing the interview-based processes to evaluate qualifications and skills that are especially useful in cases of missing or partial documentation, underpinning the EQPR project. Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, Chief Adviser to UK ENIC, attended the Strasbourg meeting. [READ MORE](#)

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## India-UK Higher Education Advisory Panel

The India-UK Higher Education Advisory Panel (HEAP) was convened by the British Council India to discuss and explore the potential of the recently signed India-UK Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the mutual recognition of academic qualifications.

Its first meeting took place on 16 November, chaired by Rittika Parruck, Education Director at the British Council India, bringing together stakeholders from a range of Indian universities, higher education institutions, and government agencies and departments. Scott McDonald, Chief Executive of the British Council, gave the opening address.

Steve Miller and Henry Huggett of UK ENIC's Global Partnerships team made a presentation to the panel, explaining UK ENIC's [READ MORE](#)

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## 47 qualifications reviewed; resulting in 16 database

The new UK ENIC guidance applies to degrees that require a Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma for entry. These degrees were first awarded in 2022.

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## UK ENIC study visits to Ghana and Vietnam



UK ENIC representatives recently conducted fruitful study visits to Ghana and Vietnam.

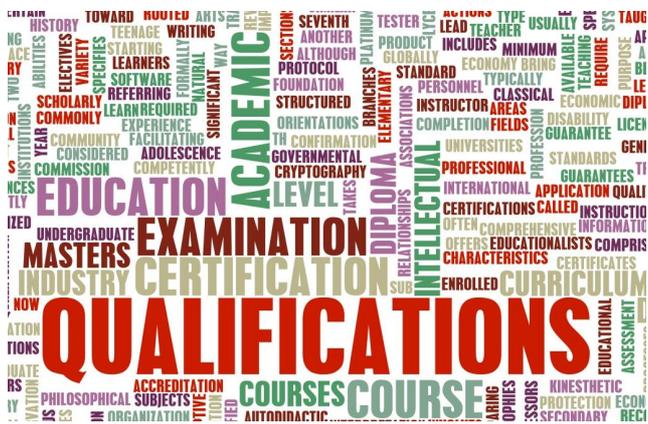
In November, Zoë McKerr and Richard Covington from the UK ENIC International Research team met a number of key Ghanaian education stakeholders. This included the West African Examinations Council and the Ghana Education Service, to discuss secondary education and examinations. They also met the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission to find out about developments and challenges in higher education, and they visited the British Council and Lancaster University Ghana to discuss transnational education (TNE) provision and regulation.

The visit also included a meeting with the National Teaching Council *[pictured above]* to gain an overview of teacher training and induction, along with how technology is improving the quality of professional development and aiding the meeting of teachers' standards.

The UK ENIC research team also recently undertook a study visit to Vietnam to find out more about developments in the education system. International Education Analyst Paul Stiles met with a range of different organisations including the VN NARIC, the Department of Vocational Education [READ MORE](#)

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## FAQs now available for 52 country and territory files



In recent weeks, 47 qualifications have been reviewed by UK ENIC, from Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Fiji, Gambia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Malta, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syria and Zimbabwe. *[Login required for these links.]*

The review has resulted in 16 updates to our databases. Members can find out more about these updates by viewing the [latest table of qualification level changes](#). *[Login required for this link.]* [READ MORE](#)

We now have a total of 52 country and territory files with FAQ sections available, having added new sections in recent weeks.

These FAQs help address many common member enquiries and give immediate answers online - without you having to submit a member enquiry through the portal.

Our data shows that in 2022 the FAQ pages that were most visited were those relating to India, Nigeria and Pakistan.

UK ENIC Head of Membership Services, Rachel Hollister-Short, says: 'The popularity of these FAQ pages has been rising during 2022, and so we continue to add new sections to help further strengthen this time-saving resource for our members.'

The FAQs are currently available to all our members who have customer support within their existing package. [READ MORE](#)