

## Full programme announced for UKENIC23 conference: London, 4 and 5 December



With 5 weeks to go until our UKENIC23 conference in London on 4 and 5 December, the [full programme \[PDF\]](#) has been announced.

Over 200 people have already registered to attend the event at the QEII Centre, Westminster, with this number rising daily. You can secure your place, using the [booking form](#).

With an overall theme of *'Reconfiguration'*, the two-day event offers over 50 sessions, including two plenaries.

On Day 1, in an interview-style opening plenary session, Tom Bewick, CEO of Ecctis, the operating company of UK ENIC, will talk with Ajaz Ahmed, entrepreneur, author and CEO of ideas and innovation company, AKQA, whose books include *Velocity - The Seven New Laws for a World Gone Digital*.

Meanwhile, Day 2 will open with a Question-Time-style panel plenary featuring Nishat Riaz, Global Head of Higher Education Systems and Internationalisation, British Council; Libing Wang, Director UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Bangkok; Prof Ellen Hazelkorn, independent education consultant; and Dr Diana Beech, CEO London Higher.

Other speakers include: [READ MORE](#)

## UK ENIC talks in China discuss recognition, TNE, QA, and online learning

## New for UKENIC23: interactive conference app



Delegates at our UKENIC23 annual conference on 4 and 5 December will be able to use our new Cvent conference app. It will enable you to personalise your own conference schedule, connect with other attendees, and get important event information.

The launch of the app is imminent. If you have registered, you will soon receive an email invitation to log in and create your conference profile.

The interactive app can be used before, during, and after the conference to maximise productivity, engagement and networking. You can use it to select your breakout session choices, and the interactive floor plans help you navigate the conference venue. [READ MORE](#)

## Focus on UK FE sector at 'FE Collective' inaugural event in Birmingham



The inaugural face-to-face 'FE Collective' event was held in Birmingham, UK, this month, bringing together prominent voices from across the UK further education sector. Its theme was *'Thinking about Artificial Intelligence and Investing in the Sector of the Future'*.

Tom Bewick, CEO of Ecctis, the operating company of UK ENIC, was one of the event's speakers, and participated in the *'Progression: Is there a better way?'* panel, which focused on the three 'P's of



UK ENIC held meetings with a range of organisations in Beijing this month, discussing issues of common interest including recognition and transnational education (TNE).

Fabrizio Trifiro, UK ENIC Head of Stakeholder Engagement, met with China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC), Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE), China Educational Association of International Exchange (CEAIE), and British Council China.

*[Pictured above with Fabrizio Trifiro (second from right) at the CSCSE offices are Yang Kaiyi (CSCSE Team Leader), Zhai Yifan, Cui Yining (Deputy Director, CSCSE) and Zhang Yihong.]*

'It was good to take part in a range of interesting and positive conversations about developments in the UK and China,' said Fabrizio Trifiro. 'Topics we covered included recognition, quality assurance, TNE, online learning and TVET, and the Global Recognition Convention. [READ MORE](#)

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## TAICEP conference brings together qualification evaluation professionals



UK ENIC was closely involved in the 10th annual conference of The Association of International Credential Evaluation Professionals (TAICEP) this month in Redondo Beach, California.

Chris Lyons, UK ENIC Head of External Engagement, who has been elected to the TAICEP Board as Vice President for Resources and Knowledge Management, delivered a number of sessions during the 4-day event. *[Pictured above right, with L to R: Kathleen Freeman, SpanTran; Mavis Mpogeng, South African Qualifications Authority; Emily Tse, CGFNS International; Samir Gabro, ENIC-NARIC Sweden.]*

'This busy and vibrant TAICEP conference highlighted the huge value of having a dedicated community bringing together professionals working in qualifications evaluation,' he said. 'The event enabled the sharing of challenges and solutions, and delegates took the opportunities provided to engage

productivity, performance and people.

The event aimed to 'flip' the conventional conference format, enabling delegates to work collaboratively to tackle sectoral challenges [READ MORE](#)

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## UK ENIC participation in Vietnam-UK HE TNE partnership mission



UK ENIC took part in the UK higher education transnational education (TNE) mission to Vietnam this month. The event, organised by the UK Department for Business and Trade, was led by the UK Government International Education Champion, Sir Steve Smith.

On behalf of UK ENIC, Fabrizio Trifiro, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, met with representatives of the Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training, along with other UK providers and sector bodies. They discussed opportunities for closer co-operation, building on the 2019 Vietnam-UK Memorandum of Understanding on education.

As part of the mission the UK delegation attended a TNE forum *[pictured above]* organised by the British Council: 'Think TNE: Leveraging UK-Viet Nam transnational education partnerships'. Fabrizio Trifiro contributed to a discussion [READ MORE](#)

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## Ecctis / UK ENIC builds its support for charities with staff volunteering scheme

Colleagues from Ecctis, the Employee-Ownership Trust (EOT) which operates and manages UK ENIC, are now able to volunteer at three charities near its UK headquarters in Cheltenham, as Ecctis continues to build on its corporate social responsibility work.

As an EOT, Ecctis' staff have a meaningful say in how the business is run and operated, and voted to support the charitable and non-profit organisations earlier this year.

Members may have read in previous newsletters about our work with Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees, whose aims are connected to our own UK ENIC core functions. [READ MORE](#)

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## Book for F2F training on secondary and higher education in China

in robust debates – on the Global Recognition Convention, for example. [READ MORE](#)

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## 48 qualifications reviewed; resulting in 32 database updates



As part of our ongoing database development work, during recent months UK ENIC has reviewed 48 qualifications, from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Laos, Mauritius, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sweden, Turkey, the United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zimbabwe. *[Login required for these links.]*

The review has resulted in 32 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](#)



Bookings are open for two interactive-style face-to-face sessions focusing on the Chinese education system taking place in November.

With China still representing a key market for UK higher education, with continuing high numbers of student applications and admissions, these sessions will offer an in-depth focus on the structure of the Chinese education system at both secondary and higher education level. Use the links below to find out more and secure your place:

- Manchester, Wed 15 November (morning)
- London, Tues 21 November (morning)

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