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Strong speaker line-up announced for UKENIC23 annual conference: London, 4 and 5 December



Ajaz Ahmed, entrepreneur, author and CEO of ideas and innovation company, [AKQA](#), will be one of the keynote speakers at the UKENIC23 annual conference, which takes place at The Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Westminster, London, on 4 and 5 December.

In an interview-style opening plenary session, Tom Bewick, CEO of Ecctis, the operating company of UK ENIC, will talk with Ajaz, whose books include *Velocity - The Seven New Laws for a World Gone Digital*.

The overarching theme for UKENIC23 is 'Reconfiguration', with a programme offering a choice of over 40 sessions, including two plenaries.

Developing closer links between India and the UK higher education sectors will be among the current and relevant topics covered.

A discussion panel featuring Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of the [Association of Indian Universities](#), will consider what the Memorandum of Understanding on India-UK Mutual Recognition of Academic Qualifications means for universities, colleges and professional bodies, and the prospects for educational collaborations and partnerships.

Conference content will include practical advice, case studies, intelligence, and analysis for strategy and development. There will be excellent networking opportunities with attendees including delegations from India and China.

You can secure your place now, using the [booking form](#). Other speakers include: [READ MORE](#)

New CEO Tom Bewick takes up post



Tom Bewick, formerly CEO of the Federation of Awarding Bodies [pictured above], has now taken up post as CEO of Ecctis Limited, the operating company of UK ENIC. Ecctis is 100% owned by an Employee Ownership Trust (EOT).

Tom said: 'I'm delighted to now be onboard with the Ecctis team.'

'It's a privilege to lead a company that is owned collectively by all its employees. It means we have a real passion for what we do.'

'At the top of our agenda is service excellence and commitment to delivering for our customers. We have a compelling vision to become the global leader in skills mobility, transnational education, and verification services by 2027.' [READ MORE](#)

Ecctis appoints Susanna Lawson as the new independent Non-Executive Chair of its Board



Ecctis has appointed ed-tech entrepreneur Susanna Lawson [pictured above left, with Ecctis CEO Tom

UK ENIC participation in India-UK Higher Education Conference in Delhi



UK ENIC participated in the India-UK Higher Education Conference in Delhi on 18 and 19 September, hosted by the British Council.

UK ENIC Global Partnerships Manager, Henry Huggett, delivered a presentation on the latest developments on India-UK mutual recognition to conference attendees, which included representatives from over 30 UK universities, the largest delegation of UK universities ever to visit India. Delegates from both India and the UK gave their perspectives on the benefits and challenges of mutual recognition, and discussed possible barriers and opportunities in India-UK transnational education (TNE).

Professor Sir Steve Smith, UK International Education Champion, and Neeta Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, India, addressed the conference's opening session.

In the days following the event, Henry Huggett and Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, Chief Adviser to UK ENIC, held further meetings with Association of Indian Universities (AIU) representatives. These developed our close working relationship with the AIU on the implementation of the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) on India-UK Mutual Recognition of Academic Qualifications.

[Pictured above, left to right: Morgan Gilbert, UK ENIC; Prof Vinay Kumar Pathak, Vice President, AIU; Joy Jyoti Nandi, Director, MBEC, and Ecctis representative in India; Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU; Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, UK ENIC; Paul Stiles, UK ENIC; Henry Huggett, UK ENIC; Kuldeep Dagar, Deputy Secretary and Head of Evaluation Division, AIU.]

Paul Stiles, UK ENIC International Education Analyst, and Morgan Gilbert, UK ENIC Senior Information Officer, who also joined these sessions, subsequently held meetings with [READ MORE](#)

Bewick] as the new independent Non-Executive Chair of its Board of directors.

The award-winning co-founder of OneFile and new app Circle of Trust will join the Employee Ownership Trust (EOT) company, which manages and operates UK ENIC, from 1 October 2023.

The new independent Non-Executive Chair appointment will support Ecctis' commitment to best-in-class governance that ensures the Executive Team is both challenged and supported by independent trustees and non-executive directors. [READ MORE](#)

Key priorities agreed in Paris meeting by newly-elected ENIC Bureau and NARIC Advisory Board



Members of the newly-elected ENIC Bureau and NARIC Advisory Board (EB/NAB) agreed their key priorities for the next two years when they held their first meeting, in Paris on 6 September.

UK ENIC Executive Director, Paul Norris *[pictured above in the meeting group photo, third from right]*, said: 'The meeting was very positive, and members agreed a workplan for the period until 2025. It sets out priority themes related to inter-regional cooperation, refugees, digitalisation and flexibilisation in education.

'I am confident that collaboration between all the national information centres will continue to go from strength to strength.' [READ MORE](#)

UK ENIC at TAICEP 10th annual conference, in California, 2 to 5 October

Refugee support at health and social care recruitment event in Derby, UK



Members of the UK ENIC refugee team attended a health and social care recruitment event in Derby this month.

Katherine Huang, UK ENIC Head of Migration Services, and Maria Artamonova, UK ENIC Information Officer, were on hand to provide face-to-face support on qualification recognition, and advice for those with missing / partial documentation. [READ MORE](#)



UK ENIC is looking forward to being closely involved in the 10th annual conference of The Association of International Credential Evaluation Professionals (TAICEP). It will take place in Redondo Beach, California, from 2 to 5 October, with a theme of 'TAICEP at 10 years: Our impact continues. What next?'

The four-day event offers a diverse [programme](#) with the opportunity to share expertise and learn from the experiences of fellow credential evaluation professionals.

UK ENIC has proudly been associated with TAICEP for some time and Chris Lyons, Head of External Engagement, was recently elected to its Board as [READ MORE](#)

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