



## ***Policy implications of national qualifications systems and their impact on lifelong learning***

# **Conference Agenda Thursday 20 October**

**9.00 - 9.30** Registration

**9.30 - 10.00** Official Opening

CHAIR: MR. DICK LANGFORD, Chairperson, National Qualifications Authority of Ireland  
Ms. MARY HANAFIN, T.D., Minister for Education and Science, Ireland  
MR. ABRAR HASAN, Head of Education and Training Policy Division, OECD

**10.00 - 10.45** Plenary 1 - Keynote Address

CHAIR: MR. DICK LANGFORD, CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY OF IRELAND

*EUROPEAN COMMISSION CONSULTATION ON A EUROPEAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK*

MR. GORDON CLARK, HEAD OF UNIT, LIFELONG LEARNING POLICIES, DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE, EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
*Comments and questions*

**10.45 - 11.15** Coffee break

**11.15 - 12.45** Plenary 2 - Presentation of the international synthesis report

CHAIR: MR. SEÁN Ó FOGHLÚ, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY OF IRELAND  
MR. ABRAR HASAN, HEAD OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING POLICY DIVISION, OECD: BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE OF THE ACTIVITY:  
*LIFELONG LEARNING AT THE OECD*  
MR. MIKE COLES, QUALIFICATIONS AND CURRICULUM AUTHORITY (UK) AND  
MR. PATRICK WERQUIN, OECD: MAIN FINDINGS OF THE ACTIVITY  
*General discussion*

**12.45 - 14.00** Lunch

14.00 - 15.30

## Parallel Workshops

### Theme A

#### Qualifications Framework

Chair: Akiko Sakamoto (ILO, Geneva)  
Two country presenters:  
- Australia: Judy Forsyth (AQF)  
- Ireland: Edwin Mernagh  
(Qualifications Authority, Ireland)  
Rapporteur: David Raffe (CES,  
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### Theme B

#### Recognition of prior learning

Chair: Miho Taguma (OECD, Paris)  
Two country presenters:  
- Canada: Kerry Lynn Lake (HRDSC)  
- France: Anne-Marie Charraud (RNCP)  
Rapporteur: Stuart Garvie  
(Qualifications Authority, Ireland)

### Theme C

#### Credit accumulation and transfer

Chair: Gabriella di Francesco (ISFOL, Italy)  
Two country presenters:  
- Denmark: Jan Joergensen (MOE)  
- Mexico: Juan Bautista Climent Bonilla (MOE)  
Rapporteur: Rita Dunon (MOE, Flemish Community of Belgium)

### Theme D

#### Policy coordination and coherence

Chair: Michèle Longpré (OPET, Switzerland)  
Two country presenters:  
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15.30 - 16.00

## Coffee break

16.00 - 17.30

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17.40-19.30

Reception in the Vaults, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

19.30 – 21.30

Dinner in the 'Chapel', Royal Hospital Kilmainham

21.30

Buses available to take delegates back to the city centre

# Conference Agenda Friday 21 October

9.30 - 11.00

## Plenary 3 - Panel 'on the way forward'

CHAIR: MR. ABRAR HASAN, OECD

PANEL: RAPPORTEURS OF THE WORKSHOPS (RITA DUNON, JORMA AHOLA, STUART GARVIE AND DAVID RAFFE) TO REPORT ON:

- *main issues*
- *lessons from capacity building*
- *lessons for research*
- *lessons for policy analysis*
- *lessons for implementation leading to follow-up activities*

11.00 - 11.30

## Coffee break

11.30 - 12.00

## Plenary 4 - Concluding remarks

CHAIR: MR. DICK LANGFORD, CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY OF IRELAND

MR. ABRAR HASAN, OECD, AND MR. SEÁN Ó FOGHLÚ, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY OF IRELAND:

FINAL COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

12.00

## Light lunch