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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

### DAY 1 | Monday, 13 November 2017

#### Morning Session

- Inaugural Function/Opening ceremonies
- Opening of the Exhibition Booths
- Keynote Speeches

#### Afternoon Session

- Youth Forum
- Thematic Presentations with Parallel Sessions
- Panel Discussion and Conclusion

### DAY 2 | Tuesday, 14 November 2017

#### Morning Session

- Plenary Sessions
- Thematic Presentations with Parallel Sessions

#### Afternoon Session

- Plenary Sessions
- *Wrap-up Session with Recommendation by the Thematic Groups and Youth Forum*
- *Closing of the Conference*

### DAY 3 | Wednesday, 15 November 2017

#### Field visit to selected Royal Projects in Thailand



## International Forum on Education for Rural Transformation

13-15 November 2017  
AIT, Bangkok Thailand



#### Co-organized

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## BACKGROUND

The world is changing and so are the regions and countries. The change is nothing but a transformation process. ASEAN Socio-cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025 focuses on people centered sustainable development and commits to scale up the quality of people through cooperative activities to scale up the transformation process.

The vision of ASCC 2025 has focused on inclusive, responsive, dynamic, resilient and sustainable communities. Engaging stakeholders, empowering people, reducing barriers, equitable access for all are key concerns for achieving the desired goals of the vision.

There are several issues and challenges such as unorganized and uncontrolled rapid urbanization process coupled with increasing rural-urban disparity, inclusion of rural/urban poor in and sharing of development (inclusive development), achieving zero poverty level and MDGs/SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). There is a need for multi-stakeholder platform for consultation and agreement on the common approach and strategy. The involvement of youth and hearing their voices are equally important for making a coherent and acceptable resolution.

## SALIENT FEATURES OF THE FORUM

- Three-day forum
- Group discussions
- Keynote speeches
- Exhibitions
- Country paper presentation
- Field trip to royal projects of Thailand
- Youth forum
- Preparation of proceedings, and dissemination
- Plenary sessions

## OBJECTIVES

With this backdrop, this forum is aiming to discuss and share information on the role and contribution of education in the rural transformation process, in the light of skill development, empowerment, and livelihood security, needed technology and policy options for rural transformation. Specifically, the objectives are:

- To address global and regional agenda/issues of rural transformation, highlighting the current specific issues with cases of rural transformation;
- To encourage the community and youth participation, in mapping out their needs
- in the context of rural transformation; and
- To share information and distribute the outcomes of the forum on rural transformation among the participating countries of the region and beyond.

## THEME AND MAIN TOPICS

The broad theme of this event is the role and contribution of education in the rural transformation process in achieving SDGs.

The main topics will include but not limited to:

- Skills development
- Capacity building and empowerment
- Livelihood and security
- Needed technology for transforming rural production and processing including ICT for rural transformation, and
- Policy options for rural transformation, etc.
- Other relevant topics include:
- Rural livelihood transformation
- Gender and development for transformation
- Natural disaster risk reduction for transformation, etc.

## PARTICIPANTS

All ASEAN member countries and Pan-Asian countries are expected to benefit from this collaborative and cooperative mechanism by sharing experiences and tested facts on a common platform. The direct beneficiaries will be the participants including officials, researchers, professionals and students, while the long-term indirect beneficiaries will be the rural population in all ASEAN plus the

3 countries (Japan, Korea and China). This forum remains open to other participants having similar thinking and interests to contribute and enrich the outputs further.

A number of selected participants from China and the ASEAN member countries will be provided with financial assistance. Participants from other countries are required to support their own costs.

## REGISTRATION



All participants and organizations who wish to participate in IFERT may register online at this link: [www.ifert.ait.ac.th](http://www.ifert.ait.ac.th)

Registration fee: US\$ 250.00 (Baht 8,500) – inclusive of conference materials, lunch, coffee breaks and accommodation

US\$ 100.00 (Baht 3,500) – inclusive of all above except accommodation

Additional Fee: Field Trip (optional) – US\$50.00

## EXHIBITION

Participating members are invited to exhibit some of the best practices based on their own country activities through posters and other methods (published

documents, research outputs, best practices, photos, videos) for which the organizers will provide space and necessary facilities with minimum fees.

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