



## Concept Note

### SEAMEO Centres Policy Research Network (CPRN) Summit 2025

#### Theme:

#### Building Bridges to a Sustainable Future:

#### Inclusive Collaboration and Innovation in Education, Science, and Culture

3 – 4 July 2025 | The Empire Brunei, Brunei Darussalam

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## Overview

The summit aims to bring together researchers, scientists, experts, practitioners, managers and leaders from the 26 SEAMEO Units, relevant Ministries, universities and partners from Southeast Asia and beyond to discuss and share ideas on how to embrace technology and sustainability in education, science, and culture to prepare the region for a future-ready world. The theme for the CPRN Summit 2025 is 'Building Bridges to a Sustainable Future: Inclusive Collaboration and Innovation in Education, Science, and Culture'.

This theme underscores the vital role of inclusive collaboration and innovation in fostering a sustainable future. It highlights the need for strong partnerships among diverse communities and stakeholders to drive progress in education, science, and culture. As the world rapidly advances in technology, integrating these innovations into educational frameworks and scientific research is essential for creating a resilient, adaptable, and forward-thinking society. By bridging knowledge and expertise through cross-disciplinary cooperation, this theme promotes a holistic approach to sustainability. Through inclusive collaboration, we can harness collective wisdom and creativity to shape a future that is both innovative and sustainable, leaving a lasting impact for generations to come.

Furthermore, education, science, and culture are fundamental pillars that influence the overall growth and development of a society. By innovating within

these fields, Southeast Asia can address pressing issues such as educational disparities, scientific underdevelopment, and cultural preservation. The summit will serve as a platform for collaboration, enabling stakeholders to develop strategies and solutions that not only meet current demands but also anticipate future challenges. This forward-thinking approach will ensure that Southeast Asia is not only prepared to face future uncertainties but is also positioned as a leader in sustainable and technological innovation. In conclusion, the CPRN Summit 2025 will play a pivotal role in driving the region towards a future-ready Southeast Asia, equipped to leverage technology and sustainability for holistic development and prosperity.

Given CPRN's focus on policy research, the presentations and discussions are grounded in robust research findings, with **emphasis on those with significant policy implications**. This ensures that the insights shared are not only evidence-based but also relevant to shaping and informing policy decisions. By drawing on empirical data, the discussions aim to provide policymakers and stakeholders with actionable recommendations that address current challenges and foster informed decision-making.

In the **Education** sector, the presentations and discussions will revolve around research findings on how to use technology to transform education. Technology is revolutionising the way we learn and teach. Embracing digital tools can enhance educational accessibility, inclusivity, and quality. Some topics to be covered may include: (1) Digital classrooms and e-learning platforms; (2) Artificial Intelligence (AI) in teaching and learning; and (3) Bridging the digital divide in rural and underserved areas.

The **Science** sector discussions will explore sustainable practices in science and innovation. Topics to be covered in the science sector may include: (1) Green technologies and renewable energy solutions; (2) Sustainable research practices and innovations; and (3) Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare education and services.

In the **Cultural** sector, discussions will centre on how to preserve and promote diverse cultural traditions. Topics that can be covered in the culture sector may include: (1) Creating and sharing cultural narratives through multimedia; (2)

Utilising technology to promote cultural tourism; and (3) Protecting intangible cultural heritage through digital platforms.

### **Main features of the Summit**

The summit will provide a platform for keynote speeches, panel discussions, and poster presentations. The keynote speakers will set the tone for the summit by sharing their experiences and insights on promoting inclusivity in education, science, and culture. The panel discussions will provide an opportunity for academics, researchers, and practitioners from SEAMEO Units, relevant Ministry representatives, and partners to engage in dialogue and share their experiences on promoting inclusivity in their respective fields. The poster presentations will showcase research that promotes inclusivity in education, science, and culture.

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The CPRN Summit 2025 will offer participants valuable networking opportunities to connect with colleagues who share similar interests and foster mutual learning. Social events, including a welcome reception, coffee breaks, poster presentations, and a welcome dinner, will provide informal settings for participants to engage in discussions and establish professional networks.

### **Keynote Speeches**

To establish the thematic focus of the summit, prominent speakers with substantial expertise in the fields of education, science, and culture will be featured. These distinguished individuals, known for their innovative contributions to the integration of technology and sustainability, will share their insights and experiences on the theme of the summit. Their presentations will provide a

foundational context for the summit, highlighting key advancements and strategies within each respective area.

### **Plenary Sessions and Parallel Sessions**

During the plenary sessions, presentations and discussions will focus on the three key areas, drawing from completed research and highlighting policy implications. Presenters will include those who submitted completed research reports from SEAMEO Units and selected presenters from relevant Ministries, education institutions and partners. Policymaker representatives will be present to provide feedback on the findings presented. Each plenary session will last 80 minutes, allowing sufficient time for in-depth discussion.

Parallel sessions will be organised to share ongoing research and to present conceptual papers. These sessions will provide a platform for researchers to discuss their preliminary findings, share insights from developing studies, and explore theoretical frameworks. The aim is to facilitate constructive feedback and collaborative dialogue, enabling researchers to refine their work and advance their projects. This format will also support the exchange of innovative ideas and foster interdisciplinary collaboration, contributing to the broader objectives of the summit.

### **Poster Presentations**

To encourage research on inclusivity in education, science, and culture, the summit will also include a poster presentation session. Researchers and practitioners will be invited to submit posters showcasing their work on promoting inclusivity in these areas.

### **Exhibitions**

Organisations, institutions, and industry leaders are invited to exhibit their cutting-edge solutions, technologies, and initiatives that contribute to advancing sustainability and digital transformation in these fields. This is a unique opportunity to connect with key stakeholders, share insights, and demonstrate impactful innovations to a diverse audience.

## Common Policy Research of SEAMEO Centres (Discussions on way forwards)

This session will enable participants to discuss the future direction of the research to be conducted by SEAMEO centres. The purpose of the discussion is to facilitate the interchange of ideas on issues related to each field and to generate a proposed policy research title. The discussion will focus on the obstacles, recommendations, and next steps. The participants will be divided into each field: education, science and culture.

### MAIN FEATURES OF CPRN SUMMIT 2025



### Summit Venue

We recommend a venue that can accommodate up to 150 participants, with sufficient space for keynote speeches, plenary sessions, parallel sessions, poster presentations and exhibitions. The venue in Brunei Darussalam is The Empire Hotel Brunei, Brunei Darussalam.

### Summit Dates

The summit will be scheduled for two (2) days from 3 to 4 July 2025.

### Summit Fees

- Each SEAMEO Unit will receive 2 quotas to be exempted from summit fee.

- Invited Ministry representatives will be granted 1 quota each to be excluded from the summit fee.
- Kindly note that the summit fees are inclusive of local transportation (only provided to delegates staying at selected hotels), refreshments and tours. Other expenses including airfare, accommodation, and per diem will be borne by the respective organisation.
- Please refer to the table below for details of the summit fee and bank details.
- **Early bird rates are available until 05 May 2025.** To secure your spot, payment must be completed by this date. Please upload the proof of payment via this link: <https://bit.ly/40VQCTS>

SUMMIT FEES			
Categories		Fees	
		Early bird	Normal fee
International Category	<b>SEAMEO Units/Ministries</b> (As presenter/ participant/ exhibitor)	USD 100.00	USD 150.00
	<b>Education Institutions/Partners</b> (As presenter/ participant/ exhibitor)	USD 150.00	USD 200.00
	<b>Students</b> (As presenter/ participant)	USD 50.00	USD 75.00
Local Category	<b>Education Institutions/Partners/ Ministries</b> (As presenter/ participant/ exhibitor)	BND100.00	BND 150.00
	<b>Students</b> (As presenter/ participant)	BND 50.00	BND 75.00

## Summit Payment

Bank Details of SEAMEO VOCTECH Regional Centre	
<b>Company Name</b>	SEAMEO VOCTECH Regional Centre
<b>Company Address</b>	Jalan Pasar Baharu, Gadong, Bandar Seri Begawan, Negara Brunei Darussalam, BE 1318
<b>Account Name</b>	SEAMEO VOCTECH Regional Centre
<b>Account No.</b>	01-001-001569-00
<b>Swift Code/BIC</b>	SCBLBNBB
<b>Bank Name</b>	Standard Chartered Bank (Gadong Branch)
<b>Bank Address</b>	G01-G02, Wisma Hj Mohd Taha. Jalan Gadong, Bandar Seri Begawan, BE 4119, Brunei Darussalam

## Accommodation

The organiser strongly recommend that delegates stay at the following hotels:

Hotels	Distance to the Summit's venue	Corporate Rates (BND/ per night)			Remarks
<b>The Empire Hotel</b>	Summit's venue	Superior Room	Single/ Twin	<b>329.00</b>	The rates are inclusive of buffet breakfast for two persons and 10% service charge. Reservation can be made by filling in this form: <a href="https://bit.ly/3FvUFxJ">https://bit.ly/3FvUFxJ</a>
		Ocean Room	Single/ Twin	<b>362.00</b>	
		Deluxe Room	Single/ Twin	<b>428.00</b>	
<b>The Rizqun International Hotel</b>	14.8 km	Deluxe Room	-	<b>170.00</b>	The rates are inclusive of complimentary daily buffet breakfast

		Grand Deluxe Room	-	<b>200.00</b>	
		Extra Bed	-	<b>50.00</b>	
<b>J Hotel</b>	14.7 km	Deluxe Room	2 single beds or Queen bed	<b>60.00</b>	Rates are inclusive of breakfast for two (2) persons
		Premier room	2 single beds or Queen bed	<b>65.00</b>	
<b>Higher Hotel</b>	15.5 km	Superior Twin Room	2 single beds	<b>68.00</b>	Without breakfast
				<b>75.00</b>	With breakfast for two (2) persons
		Deluxe King Room	1 King bed	<b>68.00</b>	Without breakfast
				<b>75.00</b>	With breakfast for two (2) persons
		Deluxe Twin Room	1 King bed + 1 single bed	<b>78.00</b>	Without breakfast
				<b>85.00</b>	With breakfast for two (2) persons

***It is important to note that local transportation services will be provided exclusively to participants who choose to stay at the hotels listed above.***

### **Partners**

- Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam
- SEAMEO Secretariat
- GIZ-RECOTwin
- CfBT Education Services, Brunei



## Deadline submissions

No	Activity	Deadline	
		Early Bird	Normal
1	Abstract submission (Link to Abstract Guideline & Template: <a href="https://bit.ly/3EmJUgK">https://bit.ly/3EmJUgK</a> )	28 April 2025	26 May 2025
2	Abstract feedback	05 May 2025	2 June 2025
3	Registration (Registration link: <a href="https://cprn2025.vocotech.org/registration/">https://cprn2025.vocotech.org/registration/</a> )	05 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 June 2025 (international participants)</li> <li>• 22 June 2025 (local participants)</li> </ul>
4	Full paper/ presentation/ poster submission	19 June 2025	

## Contact Persons

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