

“Funding of Higher Education”
General outline and draft program
Yerevan, Armenia / September 8 - 9 2011

**International conference organized by the Ministry of Education and
Science of Armenia**

Context: This conference is organized in the framework of the Bologna Process towards the formation of a shared vision on EHEA to ensure more comparable, compatible and coherent systems of higher education in Europe and responding to the challenges of globalization.

The conference will be a part of the events in the framework of Polish and Armenian co presidency of the Bologna Process during the period 1 July-31 December, 2011.

Aims and objectives:

- To provide a platform for exchange of relevant experience in the HE financing issues;
- To identify concretely the role that financing can play in achieving efficiency, equity and quality in Higher Education;
- To explore new knowledge and experience in financing mechanisms of Higher Education;
- To promote a shared understanding of the developments within the Bologna Framework.

Participants: 100 – 150 Ministry and higher education officials, students and representatives of other public authorities from Armenia and Europe, international organizations and NGOs.

Languages: English and Armenian with simultaneous interpretation in the plenary sessions and in the working groups.

Draft Conference Programme

Dates: 8-9 September 2011

Venue: Marriott Armenia, "Tigran Mets" ballroom

11:00 am to 12:00 am	Registration
12:00 to 13:30	Conference opening Keynote Addresses: Prime-Minister of RA Minister of Education and Science of Armenia <i>Other</i>
13:30 to 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30-16:15	<i>Session 1</i>
	Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking funding with quality and relevance of HE (<i>country experience presentations</i>) • Linking funding with Equity and efficiency of HE (<i>country experience presentations</i>) <p><i>Speakers: TBC</i></p>
16:15 to 16:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>
16:30-17:45	<i>Session 2</i>
	Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing reform trends from an international perspective • Supply- and Demand-side financing mechanisms of HE (<i>country experience presentations, panel discussions</i>) <p>Speakers: TBC</p>
17:45 to 18:00	Resume of the conference first day
20:00 to 23:00	<i>Evening Reception</i>
10:00 to 10:30	Keynote Addresses: Speakers:
10:30-12:00	Session 3
	Topics:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student support mechanisms: international experience • Performance-based financing, competitive innovation funds, other mechanisms of public and private financing <p><i>Speakers: TBC</i></p>
12:00 to 12:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:30-14:30	Session 4
	<p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student fees and support in Europe: an overview of systems and trends • Student fees and support: country cases <p><i>Speakers: TBC</i></p>
14:30 to 15:30	<i>Lunch</i>
15:30-16:30	Parallel discussions:
	<p>Session 5: <i>“Impact of Funding on provision of quality education: case studies”</i>- 15 minute country presentations</p> <p>Session 6: <i>“Student Loans and Students’ investments in HE”</i> 15 minute country presentations</p> <p>Session 7:</p>
16:30-16:45	Coffee break
16:45 to 17:00	<p>Closing Ceremonies</p> <p>Minister of Education and Science of RA</p> <p>Other</p>
17:30 to 21:00	<p><i>Cultural program:</i></p> <p><i>Direction 1:</i> City, Matenadaran</p> <p><i>Direction 2:</i> Ejmiatsin</p> <p><i>Direction 3:</i> Garni, Geghard</p>



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 SUMMER SCHOOL IN TSAKHkADZOR, ARMENIA
 JULY 3-10, 2011
 DRAFT PROGRAM**

	Arrival to Tsakhkadzor
19:00 - 22:00	Dinner
08:30 - 10:00	Breakfast
10:00 - 10:30	Opening ceremony (with the participation of RA Minister of Education A. Ashotyan, university rectors and other officials)
10:30 - 12:00	Theme: "the higher education system" / Head K. Harutyunyan / subtheme
	Achievements and challenges of Bologna Process / Yu. Sargsyan/
12:00 - 12:30	Coffee Break
	representatives speeches of YSU, YSEU, YEBH, YCHSHH
	Speeches , Questions
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 16:30	Theme: "multilevel educational system, qualifications and the connection with the labor market" / Head _____/
16:15 - 16:45	Coffee Break
16:45 - 17:30	Group Discussions
18:00 - 20:00	Sporting event (Table Tennis)
20:00 - 21:00	Dinner
21:30 - 22:30	Cultural Event
08:30 - 10:00	Breakfast
10:00 - 13:30	Cultural Visit to Matenadaran, Tsitsernakaberd Genocide Museum (Yerevan)
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch in Yerevan
15:00 - 18:00	Visit to Echmiadzin, Zvartnots

20:00 - 21:00	Festive Dinner
21:00 - 24:00	Leisure time

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08:30 - 10:00	Breakfast
10:00 - 13:30	Theme-ECTS system. what it gave to the students /student, the higher educational system's representative/
12:00 - 12:30	Coffee break
12:30 - 13:30	Discussions in the working group
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 17:00	Presentation of the working group's done work
17:00 - 19:00	Sporting events (chess)
20:00 - 21:00	Dinner
21:00 - 23:00	Intercultural evening

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08:30 - 10:00	Breakfast
10:00 - 12:00	Thematic discussion-theme "interacquaintance, students' mobility /G.Harutyunyan/
12:00 - 12:30	Coffee break
12:00 - 13:00	Discussions in the working group, working out the suggestions, summery
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 20:00	Cultural programs-a visit to Dilijan,Hagharcin,the Parz lake
20:00 - 21:00	Dinner
21:30 - 22:30	Performance
22:30 - 24:00	Leisure time

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08:30 - 10:00	Breakfast
10:00 - 12:00	Thematic discussion' 'students' involvement in the process of quality provision" /R.Topchyan/
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 - 13:00	Discussions in the working group

13:30 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 17:30	Presentation of the working groups' suggestions and problems, summary
16:15 - 16:45	Coffee break
14:30 - 17:30	Presentation of the working groups' suggestions and problems, summary
18:00 - 20:00	Meeting with RA Prime Minister T. Sargsyan
20:00 - 21:00	Dinner
21:00 - 24:00	Show of intercultural dances

08:30 - 10:00	Breakfast
10:00 - 11:30	Presentation of the working group's done work on the topic "multilevel educational system, qualification and connection with the labor market" Educational rights / head. _____ /
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 - 13:30	Theme "the university administration and students. Students' autonomy"
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 17:30	Discussions in the groups
16:15 - 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 - 17:00	Continuation of the discussions
17:00 - 19:30	Cultural program - a visit to Kecharis
20:00 - 21:00	Dinner
21:00 - 24:00	Exhibition of the students' paintings

08:30 - 10:00	Breakfast
10:00 - 13:30	Closing ceremony, summary, handing of certificates to the participants
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 24:00	Departure of participants



PRACTICAL INFORMATION
International Conference on Funding of Higher Education,
8-9th of September 2011/Yerevan, Armenia

Country info:

Armenia is an ancient country with three thousand years of history. The biblical legend says that Noah with his sons took refuge on the Ararat Mountain, not far from Yerevan. Armenian is the official language of the country. Russian is widely spoken and English is becoming popular among the younger generation.

Visa

To enter Armenia foreign citizens can obtain a visa at Yerevan's International Zvartnots Airport upon arrival. The cost of a tourist visa for 21 days is 3000 Armenian Drams which is around 6 Euros.

Meeting venue and accommodation

Preliminary reservations have been made at **Marriott Armenia** in the heart of Yerevan. The cost for a single room is 65,000 AMD per day (approx. 122 Euros), including breakfast. Please make your reservation by filling the registration form before the mentioned deadline. Please take into account that September is a high season due to a lot of events therefore we would appreciate your prompt response.

The meeting will take place in the "**Tigran Mets**" **Ballroom** of the **Marriott Armenia Hotel**.

Transportation from airport to hotel

To reach hotel you can order a shuttle service offered by the hotel at the price of 12000 Armenian Drams or take a taxi from the airport. A taxi company is located immediately after Baggage Claim and the price is usually about 10 Euros.

Registration

All participants are invited to register by June 4, 2011 at the latest using the attached registration form.

Other Information:

Climate

The climate in Armenia in August-September is warm (28-33 C°), sunny and dry.

Water Supply

It's safe to drink tap water in Yerevan.

CONTACTS

If you have questions regarding the content of the meeting, please contact:

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

All participants are invited to register before 15 June 2011 at the latest using the attached registration form.

VISA INFORMATION

Visas are issued in diplomatic missions and consular posts of the Republic of Armenia, at the border crossing points of the Republic of Armenia (conventional visas) or electronically (e-Visa, to apply click https://evisa.mfa.am/pls/dbms/evis_n.put_application_p0). To enter Armenia foreign citizens can obtain a visa at Yerevan's international Zvartnots Airport upon arrival. The cost of a tourist visa for 21 days is 3000 Armenian Drams which is around 6 euros.

VENUE

Tsakhkadzor is a city and a popular health resort in Armenia located north of Hrazdan in the Kotayk Province (marz). The population of 1,600 in 2009 is a decrease of more than half of the 3,400 reported in the 1989 census.

Tsakhkadzor means valley of flowers in Armenian. The city is located 50 kilometers north of Yerevan, on the southeastern slope of Teghenis Mountains, at a height of 1750 meters above sea level, surrounded with alpine meadows.

PROGRAMME

The Summer School will last 8 days, from 3 July to 10 July 2011. The annotated agenda /program/ will be circulated in due time before the Summer School by organizers,

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Arrival is foreseen on July 3, 2011

Departure is foreseen on July 10, 2011

ACCOMODATION

Hotel accommodation will be booked by organizers. The expenses will be covered by organizers.

Accommodation is provided for participants at **“Youth Center in Tsakhkadzor” hotel.**

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E-mail: marthasimonyan@yahoo.com

www.heh.am

CATERING

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Coffee breaks and cultural programmes will be provided by the organizers,

TRANSPORTATION

Upon arrival at Yerevan Zvartnotc airport at the central hall there will be a welcome desk of the organizers where you will be given some more information about transportation. Busses will take participants from Yerevan Zvartnotc airport to Tsakhkadzor.

If you prefer not to wait for the bus, you can take the taxi from the airport to Tsakhkadzor. The official taxi service provider for Zvartnotc airport is "Taxi Tour". The fair of one way ride with taxi from Zvartnotc to Tsakhkadzor (~70km) is 11000 AMD (~20€).

You will be asked to indicate your arrival times on the registration page.

GENERAL INFORMATION

History

Armenia, transliterated Hayastan, officially the Republic of Armenia (Հայաստանի Հանրապետություն, Hayastani Hanrapetut'yun), is a landlocked mountainous country in the South Caucasus region. Armenia is bordered by Turkey to the west, Georgia to the north, the de facto independent Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and Azerbaijan to the east, and Iran and the Azerbaijani exclave of Nakhchivan to the south.

A former republic of the Soviet Union, Armenia is a unitary, multiparty, democratic nation-state with an ancient and historic cultural heritage. The Kingdom of Armenia was the first state to adopt Christianity as its religion in the early years of the 4th century (the traditional date is 301). The modern Republic of Armenia recognizes the Armenian Apostolic Church as the national church of Armenia, although the republic has separation of church and state.

Tsakhkadzor In the early medieval period the region belonged to the feudal clan of Varazhnuni, which governed the forest that was used as a hunting ground for the Armenian Arshakuni Kings from the 4th to the 5th centuries. In the 6th century, the territory passed into the possession of the House of Kamsarakan. Beginning from the 10th century, the clan of Kamsarakan merged with the House of Pahlavuni, who were also related to the Arshakunis. Gregory Pahlavuni, the leader of the clan and subsequently the prince of the Kecharis principality, built the Kecharis Monastery in honor of Gregory the Illuminator in 1033. In 1051 he constructed the Church of Holy Nshan. The territory passed to the rule of Zakarid princes during the 13-14th centuries, at times falling to the rule of Proshyan and Khagbakyan families. During the larger part of the later centuries, the region was constantly the arena of the Ottoman-Persian wars. Finally in 1828, according to the Treaty of Turkmenchay, the region was connected with the Erivan Governorate and entered into the composition of the Russian Empire. During the Soviet era Tsakhkadzor was developed into a modern city intended to attract large numbers of tourists. Many historical buildings and dachas, built before the revolution by industrialists and merchants from Yerevan and Tbilisi, were either nationalized in favor of the state or they were sold in auctions.

Currently, Tsakhkadzor is a fast developing winter resort that attracts hundreds of ski and snowboard enthusiasts from around the world. Many people choose this undiscovered destination to combine their snow experience with an extraordinary experience of touring the country wintertime. Best months for skiing and snowboarding are normally February and March. Usually, snow cover is good from January to mid-April.

Currency: Armenian dram (AMD). Exchanging money is strongly recommended in licensed places. You can change money at the airport Zvartnotc, but probably the rate is much better at one of the change-booths in the city. 1EUR is approx. 550-560 Armenian Dram (AMD).

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

The weather in Yerevan is hot in July, the average daytime temperature is ~ + 28 C°.

Local Time is GMT + 2 hours

DRESS CODE

The dress code is formal during the lectures, meeting with officials. In other time it is free. Do not forget to bring swimming dresses, if the weather will be good we will have a day in Lake Sevan.

USEFUL LINKS:

<http://www.haias.net/armenia.html>

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0107292.html>

<http://www.armeniainfo.am/>

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/5275.htm>

<http://yourarmenia.com/PicturesOfArmenia.aspx>

EMERGENCY

The general emergency numbers you can call are

Fire 1-01

Police 1-02
Ambulance service 1-03

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8 – 9 September 2011
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in the registration form in block letters and return to:
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First Name: _____ Second Name: _____

Title: Dr. Mr Mrs Ms Job Title: _____

Organization: _____

Full Address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

ACCOMPANYING PERSON

Family name: _____

First name: _____

CONFERENCE

My choice for the Parallel Discussions is:

- Group 1:** *“Impact of Funding on provision of quality education: case studies”*
- Group 2:** *“Student Loans and Students’ investments in Higher Education: best practices”*
- Group 3:** *“Financing mechanisms of Higher Education: case studies”*

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Please register me for

- Evening Reception on 8 September
- Guided Tour to City, Matenadaran on 9 September
- Guided Tour to Ejmiatsin on 9 September
- Guided Tour to Garni, Geghard on 9 September

ACCOMODATION

The accommodation is booked in the Conference venue, Marriott Armenia:

☐ Marriott Armenia (single occupancy 122 Euros, double occupancy 142 Euros)

Direct link for hotel reservation:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/evnmc?groupCode=cepcepi&app=resvlink&fromDate=9/7/11&toDate=9/10/11>

Please return the completed form by e-mail to kristinatsaturyan@yahoo.com or by fax to +37410 55 97 50 by 4th **June, 2011**. You will receive a confirmation shortly after your registration.

APPLICATION FORM
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Country:	Organization:	
Surname:	Name:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female
Full Address:	Contact numbers:	E-mail:

I need a visa:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Passport Details:	Number:	Date and Place of issue:	Expiring on:
Type of Passport:	Date of Birth:	Nationality:	
Arrival date:	Arrival Time:	Means of transport / flight number:	
Departure Date:	Departure Time:	Means of Transport / flight number:	
Any special requirements:(food requirements, health requirements other)			
By submitting this application form, the applicant is committed to act as the representative of his/her organization and participate actively throughout the whole DEMYC event.			

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master Degree is preferable;
- Fluency in written and spoken English Language;
- Strong analytical thinking and writing skills.

Together with the Application Form you should submit a Letter of motivation stating your interest and expectations you have from the summer school.

The deadline for registration is 15 June 2011.

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Please fill in this form in BLOCK LETTERS and send it to the fax. +37410-52-73-43,
+37410-54-70-18 or via e-mail to summerschoolam@gmail.com
After receiving your registration, we will send a written confirmation.

If you have questions please contact us:

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