



Global Cities  
Education Network

## **Global Cities Education Network Symposium**

**Shanghai, China**

**November 9-13, 2015**

### **Meeting goals:**

- 1. Issue of focus - Systemic pursuit of equity: How are GCEN cities implementing strategies and system-level supports to provide all students with an excellent education?**

Case study: The challenge for Shanghai remains a relentless focus on equity and expanding a large system to accommodate more students and provide a high quality and genuine opportunity for all students. Shanghai continues to focus on educating all students, especially those from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds, to reach excellence.

- a. How are Shanghai and other major cities in China providing increased access to public schools in major urban areas given rising populations? How is Shanghai developing quality alternatives for all students? How are they providing pathways for all students to succeed?
  - b. Given the additional struggles children from economically and socially disadvantaged background face including disruption of home life, poverty, language and cultural issues, what are the strategies Shanghai and other urban school districts are implementing to support student success? Where are the successes and challenges?
- 2. Working groups**
  - a. **Professional Learning and CTE/VET:** Report on individual goal progress, reflect on collaborative activities and consider next steps.
  - b. **21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies:** Update on the white paper and activities of the working group.
- 3. Sharing Results from Interim Evaluation**
  - a. Interim results from evaluation conducted in spring 2015 to be discussed.

**GCEN Symposium participants arrive Sunday, November 8th in Shanghai.**

**Monday, November 9**

7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast served at hotel
8:30am – 9:00am	Travel to Shanghai Normal University
9:00am – 9:45am	<b>Welcome, Introductions, New Members, Overview of the Meeting</b> Facilitator: Minxuan Zhang, Center for International and Comparative Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tony Jackson, Asia Society</li><li>• Ziqiang Zhu, Shanghai Normal University</li><li>• Su Ming, Shanghai Municipal Education Commission</li></ul>
9:45am – 10:00am	Group photo and break
10:00am – 11:00am	<b>Shanghai's Efforts to Advance Equity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minxuan Zhang, Center for International and Comparative Education</li></ul>
11:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Presentation: Most effective strategies to support equitable educational attainment based on research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jal Mehta, Harvard University</li></ul>
12:00 – 12:30pm	Box lunch and depart
12:30pm – 4:00pm	<b>School Site Visits focused on Equity and Educating all Children</b> (There will be two options to chose from.)
4:30pm	Return to hotel/team time  Dinner on your own

**Tuesday, November 10**

7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast at hotel
8:30am – 9:00am	<b>Travel to Shanghai Normal University</b>

9:00am – 9:15am	<b>Welcome, Overview of the Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Jackson, Asia Society</li> </ul>
9:15am – 9:30am	Introductions from new GCEN teams
9:30am – 10:30am	<b>Debriefing school visits on equity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony MacKay, Facilitator</li> </ul>
10:30am – 10:45am	Organizing Afternoon Learning: Selection of Small Group Discussion Topic
10:45am – 12:15pm	<b>Panel discussions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel 1: Strategies to Support Low-Performing Schools - Model Schools</li> <li>• Panel 2: Strategies to Support Specialized Populations - Equipping Teachers</li> </ul> <p><i>How do GCEN cities systemically pursue equity at a system level? What policies, practices and supporting elements are in place?</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch (Banquet hosted by Shanghai Normal University)
1:30pm – 2:30pm	<b>Designing for Equity: User-Oriented Design</b>
2:30pm – 4:00pm	<b>Small Group Discussion:</b> Top Challenges and Solutions to Support Equitable Education Systems (continued)
4:00pm	Team time, office hours
4:30pm	Return to hotel; continued team time, dinner on your own

### **Wednesday November 11**

7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast at hotel
8:00am – 8:30am	Travel to Shanghai Normal University (If traveling to Hangzhou, check-out of hotel and bring luggage on bus).

8:30am – 11:30pm	<p><b>Working Group Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City teams will meet by working group (Professional Learning or CTE/VET) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Report on their individual goals – progress updates to be provided by each team</li> <li>○ Discuss next steps on collaborative activities after the summer meetings</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Conference participants not on city teams are encouraged to form conversation groups on issues they would like to discuss with colleagues.</li> </ul>
11:30am – 11:45am	Break/Lunch Served
11:45am – 12:15pm	<p><b>Presentation: Update 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies Working Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alexis Menten, Asia Society and Christina Russell, Policy Studies Associates</li> <li>• Timeline and Expected Outcomes</li> </ul>
12:15pm – 2:00pm	<p><b>GCEN Lessons: Review of the Interim Evaluation, Discussion and Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim Evaluation Results to be shared by Policy Studies Associates</li> <li>• Discussion and Feedback</li> </ul>
2:00pm	Closing reflections and depart for Hangzhou
2:00pm – 4:30pm	Travel by bus to Hangzhou
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Check-in to Shangri-La Hangzhou
5:45pm	Dinner banquet and night show on West Lake - Hosted by Hangzhou Education Commission

## Thursday November 12

<b>GCEN Symposium Participants</b>	
8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast at hotel in Hangzhou
9:00am – 10:00am	Greeting from Hangzhou Dept of Ed
10:00am – 2:00pm	<b>School visits in Hangzhou</b>
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Depart Hangzhou; return to Shanghai
4:00pm	<b>All GCEN participants depart Shanghai</b>

<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies Working Group Participants</b>	
7:00 – 8:00am	Breakfast at hotel in Shanghai
8:30am – 12:30pm	Working group meeting at SNU
12:30pm – 4:00pm	<b>School visit in Shanghai</b> to YiChuang Middle School (lunch will be provided)

## Friday November 13<sup>th</sup>

*Note: Only 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies working group members*

8:00am – 8:30am	Breakfast at hotel
8:30am – 9:00am	Travel to Shanghai Normal University
9:00am – 4:00pm	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Competencies working group meeting with lunch provided (approximately 30 participants)
	Working group meeting ends; participants depart if flights are available

## Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>

All remaining 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies working group members and Asia Society staff depart Shanghai.