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Internationalisation of Higher Education in Laos: the way forward

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY

The aim of the OPEN Final Conference is to boost the visibility of LUAI at the national level, increase its membership and support, disseminate information on the project, promote the IROs, present the results of the project achieved to date, promote dialogue on internationalization of higher education at the national level and induce policy making and funding.

The main objectives of the conference are:

- ❖ Present the OPEN outcomes achieved
- ❖ Provide a background on what the LUAI is
- ❖ Discuss the benefits of network membership and attract potential members in the future
- ❖ Promote the IROs services created/ improved
- ❖ Promote the sustainability of OPEN's results through the support and strengthening of LUAI

2. AGENDA

DAY 1			
Venue: Lao Plaza Hotel			
Session			Speaker
8:30	9:00	Registration	-
9:00	9:15	Welcome remarks	NUOL University President
9:15	9:40	Keynote message	Dr. Silinthone Sackloklam DG MOES
9:40	10:00	EU Delegation to the Lao PDR message	Sibylle Gilbert de Cauwer
10:00	10:30	Coffee break	
10:30	10:45	OPEN Project overview	Elen García University of Alicante (UA)
10:45	11:00	Main results: Roadmap and LUAI Network	Facilitator: Elen García (UA) Roadmap UA/DG MOES LUAI Network President LUAI year 1 (NUOL)
11:00	11:20	Internationalization best practices	Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia De La Salle University / Phil-Net Network
11:20	12:00	Signing Ceremony	OPEN/LUAI PARTNERS & Phil-Net Network
12:00	13:30	Lunch break	
13:30	14:30	Panel discussion: Trends in internationalization of Higher Education - Mobility	Moderator: NUOL Panelist 1 - Dr. Juan Llopis Director of Institutional Relations and Projects University of Alicante Panelist 2 - Livia Mercatelli / Sara Piersigilli UNIBO Panelist 3 - Prof. Harfiz Mohamad National University of Malaysia Panelist 4 - Dr. Silinthone Sackloklam DG MOES
14:30	15:00	Q&A session	All participants
15:00	15:30	Coffee break	
15:30	16:00	Closing remarks	NUOL University President
End of the day			

DAY 2			
Venue: Lao Plaza Hotel			
Activity			Speaker
8:45	9:00	Registration	-
9:00	10:15	The OPEN Experience: Best practice & Added Value	OPEN Partners
10:15	10:45	Coffee break	
10:45	11:20	Improving government language skills	Amb.Mai Sayavongs, Director General Institute of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Laos
11:20	12:00	Internationalization and Universities of the Future.	Harfiz Mohamad The National University of Malaysia
12:00	13:00	Lunch break	
13:00	13:40	Benefits of Studying Abroad for Graduate Employability: Perspectives of Exchange Students From Lao Universities	Dr. Soubin Sisavath NUOL
13:40	14:20	DAAD programme	Dr. Champathong Phochanthilath NUoL
14:20	15:00	Synergies between other Regional Activities/projects and LUAI Network	Dr. Agustinus Hermino Superma Putra MoES
15:00	15:30	Q&A session	All participants
15:30	15:45	Coffee break	
15:45	16:15	CBHE: Incentives and impact	Ms. Elen Garcia, UA
16:15	16:30	Synthesis of sessions	Dr. Souliya Mounnarath (Master of Ceremonies, NUOL)
16:30	17:00	Closing remarks	Dr. Juan Llopis Director of Institutional Relations and Projects University of Alicante
			NUOL
End of the conference			

Master of Ceremonies:

Ms. Souliya Mounnarath

List of Speakers

DAY 1

1. Dr. Silinthone Sacklokhram (Directorate General, DG Ministry of Education and Sports, MOES)
2. Sibylle Gilbert de Cauwer, EU delegation
3. Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia (De La Salle University, DLSU)
4. Dr. Juan Llopis, Director of Institutional Relations and Projects (University of Alicante, UA)
5. Livia Mercatelli / Sara Piersigilli (University of Bologna, UNIBO)
6. Prof. Harfiz Mohamad (National University of Malaysia)
7. Elen García, Senior Project Manager (University of Alicante, UA)
8. Amkheng Phenglasy (National University of Laos, NUOL)

DAY 2

9. Ambassador Mai Sayavongs, Director General (Institute of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs Laos, MoFA)
10. Prof. Harfiz Mohamad (The National University of Malaysia)
11. Dr. Soubin Sisavath, (National University of Laos, NUOL)
12. Dr. Champathong (NUOL)
13. Dr. Agustinus Hermino Superma Putra, (Ministry of Education and Sports, MOES)
14. Elen García, Senior Project Manager (University of Alicante, UA)
15. Dr. Souliya Mounnarath, (NUOL)
16. Dr. Juan Llopis, Director of Institutional Relations and Projects (University of Alicante, UA)