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**ICDE Annual Report 2020 is out!**

Capture the highlights from 2020 and read more about activities, projects and events undertaken by ICDE in collaboration with members, partners and our global network.

Find out more [here](#).

**ICDE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2022**

## ICDE Leadership Summit 2022: Register for interest

The **ICDE Leadership Summit 2022: "Leadership for EdTech oriented Innovation in Education"** will take place **20-21 January 2022** in Seoul, South Korea - hosted by [Korea National Open University \(KNOU\)](#). The Summit will be in the format of a hybrid event, allowing for both face-to-face and virtual participation.

Register your interest for the **ICDE Leadership Summit 2022** [here](#).

## ICDE CHAIRS SCHEME RELAUNCHED

### ICDE Chairs Scheme: New nominations welcome

The **ICDE Chairs Scheme** was relaunched in **March 2021**. It opens up for nominations of Chairs from ICDE member institutions for a variety of topical areas and fields of expertise within **Open, Flexible and Distance Learning (OFDL)**. The purpose is to **attract academic expertise from all parts of the world**, and leverage on global research relevant for ICDEs prioritised strategic areas. The ICDE Chairs are expected to be **active contributors to ICDEs global knowledge hub** and **provide academic expertise and increased visibility of ICDE** in the field of OFDL.

Find out more about the scheme and submit your nomination [here](#).

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: UNESCO PRIZE

**ICDE Institutional Members are invited to suggest nominees to the [UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education 2021](#)**. Deadline to suggest nominees to the ICDE Secretariat: **10 May**.

Find out more about the Prize, eligibility requirements and nomination criteria [here](#).

## ICDE AT AAOU 2021

### Join ICDE at AAOU 2021

On **1-3 June 2021**, the **Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU)** will co-host their **34th Annual Conference of the Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU 2021)** together with ICDE member the **Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL)** in Colombo, Sri Lanka. ICDE will contribute to AAOU 2021 with the following:

- Workshop: **"Quality assurance of open, flexible and distance education – a global perspective"**.  
Date: **1 June** from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm India Standard Time (IST)

- Panel discussion: ***“Implementing the UNESCO OER Recommendation – how to amplify capacity building initiatives for various regional contexts?”***

Date: **3 June** from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm India Standard Time (IST)

Read more and register [here](#).

## NEWS: FROM YOUR GLOBAL NETWORK

### IAU: Call for submissions for IAU Global Survey

The **International Association of Universities (IAU)** is currently conducting the second ***“IAU Global Survey on the Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education around the World”***. The Survey will remain open until **1 June**, and close to 100 countries are now represented in the replies collected so far from some **350 institutions**. All the essential information is available in different languages below.

*Find more information in English [here](#), in French [here](#) and in Spanish [here](#).*

### UNESCO: Event on advancing digital learning in Africa

In celebration of Africa Day, UNESCO will convene an event called ***“The Digital Learning Wave in Africa: The Role of Local Ecosystems”*** on 25 May 10:00 CET to discuss how to **advance digital learning in Africa** by building on the actions of the **Global Education Coalition (GEC)** and exploring opportunities to further invest in **technology, including open education resources**, to ensure **continuous and equitable learning in Africa**.

*Save the date - more information will follow.*

### SOU: Call for Papers for new journal on Lifelong Learning

**Shanghai Open University (SOU)** is now calling for papers for the **Journal of Global Lifelong Learning (GLL)**. The GLL journal was launched in the beginning of 2021, and is an international, **peer-reviewed open access journal**, publishing high-quality, original research in international and comparative contexts.

*Read more and submit your paper [here](#).*

### EDEN: Student voices should be the loudest - join the EDEN 2021 PhD Symposium

The **EDEN 2021 PhD Symposium Madrid** will be organised on **21 June 2021**. The Symposium has been designed to foster the exchange of experiences and knowledge among **doctoral students** doing research in the area of **technology enhanced online, digital, open and distance learning**, providing a valuable forum for the advancement of doctoral research. The Symposium is led by a panel of international experts, and we encourage you to take this opportunity to network with fellow researchers, discuss your research, and receive feedback from international experts and your peers.

*Read more and register [here](#).*

## EDEN: EDEN 2021 Virtual Annual Conference awards Young Scholars Grant

European Distance and E-Learning Network (EDEN) announced that the **EDEN 2021 Virtual Annual Conference** will award 4 young scholars or teams of young scholars with a **Young Scholars Grant** for submitting a significant contribution (papers) to the conference. Young scholars who apply for the grant will take part in the **EDEN Best Research Paper Award** competition.

*Read more and find the call [here](#) and [here](#).*

## RESOURCES AT A GLANCE

- [ICDE: "Annual Report 2020"](#)
- [ICDE Quality Network: Report on "Global Quality Perspectives on Open, Online and Flexible Learning 2020"](#)
- [ICDE: "ICDE Presidents' Forum 2020 - Summary Report"](#)
- [FLANZ: "Placing flexible learning at the heart of vocational education"](#)
- [ISKME: "Rapidly Responding with Relevant OER Over the Past Year"](#)
- [UNESCO: "Supporting learning recovery one year into COVID-19: the Global Education Coalition in action"](#)
- [UNESCO: "AI and Education: Guidance for policy-makers"](#)
- [UNESCO: "2020 Annual Report of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning \(UIL\)"](#)
- [HolonIQ: "Education in 2030 - Five Scenarios for the Future of Learning and Talent"](#)
- [UNESCO: "Ensuring effective distance learning during COVID-19 disruption: guidance for teachers" \(English and French\)](#)
- [FuN: "A Guide to Quality in Online Teaching and Learning"](#)
- [UNESCO: "Innovating technical and vocational education and training: a framework for institutions"](#)
- [CoL: "Guide for Implementing a Quality Assurance Institutional Review Tool for Blended Learning"](#)

Stay up to date on the latest developments around teaching and learning during the Covid-19 pandemic through the dedicated [#learningtogether ICDE Covid-19 tips for online learning and latest news and resources](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- [UNESCO: Global Action Week for Education, 26-30 April 2021](#)
- [EADL: Conference on "Digital Transformation in Flexible Learning", 6-7 May 2021](#)
- [Globethics.net: Conference on "Covid-19 Emerging Ethical Issues in Higher Education: Experiences, Challenges, Solutions", 11-13 May 2021](#)

- [UNESCO: UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, 17-19 May 2021](#)
- [CSU: 7th International Conference of the Immersive Learning Research Network \(iLRN 2021\), 17 May - 10 June 2021](#)
- [AAOU: 34th Annual Conference of the Asian Association of Open Universities \(AAOU 2021\), 1-3 June 2021](#)
- [University of Windsor: Teaching Culturally and Linguistically Diverse International Students in Open and Online Learning Environments: A Research Symposium, 17-18 June 2021](#)
- [EDEN: EDEN PhD Symposium Madrid 2021, 21 June 2021](#)
- [EDEN: EDEN 2021 Virtual Annual Conference, 22-25 June 2021](#)
- [OUHK: International Conference on Open and Innovative Education \(ICOIE 2021\), 5-7 July 2021](#)
- [Jagiellonian University: 28th International Conference on Learning - Universalism or Particularism: Knowledge and Power in the Process of Decolonisation Revisited, 7-9 July 2021](#)
- [OE Global: 2021 Open Education Global Conference, 5-7 October 2021](#)
- [UNESCO: World Higher Education Conference, 7-9 October 2021](#)
- [SAVE THE DATE: Conference of the Americas on International Education \(CAEI\) 2021, 19-22 October 2021](#)
- [Falling Walls Foundation: Berlin Science Week, 1-10 November 2021](#)
- [EADTU: Innovating Higher Education 2021 \(IHE2021\), 3-5 November 2021](#)
- [Falling Walls Foundation: Falling Walls Conference, 7-9 November 2021](#)
- [EU: EU Open Data Days, 23-25 November 2021](#)
- [OEB Global: Online Educa Berlin 2021 \(OEB\), 1-3 December 2021](#)
- [ICDE Leadership Summit 2022: Leadership for EdTech oriented Innovation in Education, 20-21 January 2022](#)

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