ASPBAE
Basic Leadership Development Course (BLDC)

11-16 November 2017, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Focussing on the Education 2030 Framework for Action

The consensus on the new global agenda to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all, as articulated in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emerged from a broad-based, multi-stakeholder process with strong involvement of civil society. Of the 17 goals, SDG 4 is on education, committed to ‘Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning’. SDG 4 is a strong, ambitious agenda on education being rights-based, humanistic, universal, promoting a lifelong learning framework, and offering a strong commitment to equity, inclusion, and quality.

In the given changing contexts across the globe and in the Asia Pacific region, there is unity on education being the key to enabling people and communities to confront the human development, economic, social, political, and environmental sustainability challenges they face, to transform their conditions and better their lives.

Efforts are underway at the regional and global level to mobilise the necessary resources – financial, political, and institutional - to enable all stakeholders, especially governments, as duty bearers to deliver the agreed targets on education and lifelong learning by 2030. Efforts are also underway to ensure that the global consensus on education is concretised and pursued in its full spirit and intention, in the specific realities of countries and communities.

ASPBAE’s Basic Leadership Development Course (BLDC) this year will be framed to build capacities of emerging leadership from ASPBAE’s member organisations and national education coalitions in the Asia Pacific region to advance the new education and development agenda, as articulated in the SDGs and the Education 2030 Framework for Action, to inform public policy and provisioning on inclusive, equitable, and quality education and lifelong learning over the next 15 years. The BLDC this year will also aim to strengthen civil society in the Asia Pacific in addressing the challenges to democracy, human rights, gender justice, global citizenship, sustainable development, and a just peace.
Aims and Objectives

The main objective of ASPBAE’s BLDC this year is to engage leadership from the Asia Pacific region to foster greater interaction between education and the wider SDGs and strengthen interaction between practitioners of youth and adult education and advocates of SDG 4.

**Specifically, the BLDC aims to** –

- Develop a critical understanding of the contexts in Asia Pacific that impact on education, specifically of adults and young people.
- Orient on policy frameworks for basic, youth, adult education and lifelong learning, notably the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and SDG4 on education.
- Facilitate structured reflection and exchange towards developing a basic understanding of adult learning principles and lifelong learning perspectives that are transformative, gender just, rights-based, and contribute to sustainable development.
- Enhance skills and attitudes on processes that support networking to mobilise leadership among youth and adult education practitioners and education policy advocates in the Asia Pacific region.
- Gain a better understanding of ASPBAE’s work and strengthen a core of educators and policy advocates who will associate closely with ASPBAE members and national education coalitions to advance and promote transformative basic, youth, and adult education and a lifelong learning agenda at national and regional levels.
Learning Domains

The BLDC will cover the following content areas -

A. Principles of adult learning

B. Frameworks of and for transformative education
   - Rights-based approach to education and development
   - Lifelong learning perspectives
   - Gender equality and education
   - Education for sustainable development and global citizenship

C. Contexts of adult education practice and lifelong learning provisioning
   - Asia-Pacific regional overview
   - SDGs and SDG 4
   - Site visits to NGOs and government institutions in Ulaanbaatar

D. Thematic engagements and policy platforms for youth and adult education and lifelong learning

E. Framework for developing leadership in youth and adult education and lifelong learning

F. Attributes and skills set for building and mobilising networks on youth and adult education and lifelong learning
Learning Process

In keeping with ASPBAE’s commitment to experiential and participatory learning, the BLDC will be designed to build on the experiences of the selected participants and to be attentive to their learning needs and priorities. The Course will employ innovative methodologies to facilitate their active participation in the learning process.

The learning process is divided into the following two phases -

1. **Preparatory Phase**
   The selected participants will be contacted by the Course Directors by email for an orientation on the main features of the BLDC. They will also advise the participants on advance work in preparation for the residential phase.

2. **Residential Phase**
   The residential phase is of 6 days duration with highly interactive sessions designed to tap into the rich and diverse experiences of the participants as valuable resources in the processes of learning. The structured sessions will use a combination of popular education methods, brief lectures, group discussions, and interactions with local groups in Mongolia.
Participant Group

The BLDC will bring together 22-25 representatives from ASPBAE member organisations from the Asia Pacific region. Preference will be given to individuals who -

- Have at least five years of experience of working on education and lifelong learning within their organisational or country contexts
- Have the potential to take up leadership roles in their organisations
- Have had limited opportunities for cross-cultural exchange and leadership development
- Have access to and a reasonable ability to work with computers
- Have a reasonable ability to communicate in English, which is the working language of the BLDC

Nomination and Selection

The enclosed Nomination Form should be sent to the ASPBAE Secretariat latest by -

25 August 2017 at bldc2017.aspbae@gmail.com

The Selection Committee, constituted from among the ASPBAE Executive Council, will make the final selection of the participants, aiming to maintain a gender and sub-regional balance, to the extent possible, with the nominations finally received. A few slots have been dedicated for young leaders (below the age of 35 years) working specifically on education and development issues of youth.

Selected participants will be notified by 29 September 2017.
Registration Fees

A contribution of **USD 100** as registration fees for all participants is stipulated to help cover the costs of learning materials for this Course.

BLDC Costs

A modest grant received by ASPBAE will assist in covering basic costs for travel and local expenses for a few selected participants from member organisations of ASPBAE.

However, to allow for more participants to the Course, slots have been reserved for **cost-sharing** (air fare covered by ASPBAE and local costs covered by participants) from ASPBAE member organisations. The local cost will be around USD 600 per participant.

Slots are also available for **self-financed participants** from organisations in the Asia Pacific who may not be ASPBAE members. Self-financed participants are expected to cover the total costs for the BLDC, including their travel and local costs.

All participants are expected to bear their visa and terminal fees, local (home country) airport transfers, and any other overlay/transit costs as these will **NOT** be covered by ASPBAE for any participant.
Host Organisations

Mongolian Education Alliance (MEA) and “All for Education” (AFE), Mongolia, will jointly host the BLDC 2017 in Mongolia.

Mongolian Education Alliance (MEA) was established in 2004 as a not-for-profit, non-governmental organisation with the aim to strengthen and sustain a network of local and international partners, who contribute to open society values in the Mongolian education sector identifying underserved areas of education reform and initiating programmes and projects to enhance equal access to education, transparency, and accountability. MEA contributes to its mission to create a society where every young person in Mongolia enjoys their right to a quality education and develop their full potential, irrespective of social and economic barriers.

Currently MEA operates in three programmatic areas of early childhood, youth, and teacher and school development with an overarching theme of inclusion. MEA has reached all public schools in Mongolia, including small rural schools through various programs and initiatives to –

- improve the access to quality early childhood, primary, and secondary education
- support school development in the areas of inclusion, community involvement, and school management
- disseminate child-centred, interactive, and innovative teaching methodologies and critical thinking to teaching and learning
- foster extra-curricular, after-school programmes that support children’s right to expression and right to participation
- identify issues affecting access to and quality of education, equity, and accountability in education through qualitative research and bring it up to discussion among the education community and the general public
- advocate for inclusive education, quality of education, professionalism of teachers, effective governance as well as informed, participatory decision-making
Host Organisations

“All for Education!” (AFE) National Civil Society Coalition is a new, diverse, inclusive, human rights, gender-equality based, democratic and transparent civil society coalition to advocate for education policy and system. Following an intensive 7-month process of discussing and firmly agreeing on the vision, goals, principles, values, strategies, and priorities, the “All for Education!” National Civil Society Coalition was established in September 2010 with support from the Civil Society Education Fund.

AFE makes an important contribution to strengthening civil society development in Mongolia by serving as a model in terms of strong internal democracy, transparency, accountability, and a consensus-based, inclusive, mutually supportive, and shared-power process towards a common goal. The coalition’s by-law is increasingly used by NGOs as a model by-law and the coalition’s values, principles, and practices are shared more broadly through the members’ participation in diverse civil society spaces.

“AFE!” consists of 23 highly committed NGOs, groups and individuals, including children and youth, ethnic and sexual minorities, parents of children with disabilities, teacher’s union, human rights and women’s rights groups, child protection NGOs, consumer rights NGOs, and local groups.

Members work in a mutually supportive, complementary manner, building each other’s capacity through experience sharing and mutual learning, creating new meanings, new knowledge, and new traditions related to education, human rights, and civil society in the Mongolian context.
BLDC Faculty

The Course Faculty draws heavily from the expertise within the ASPBAE membership, staff, and Executive Council. The Faculty team agrees to the assumed roles of facilitation and resource persons for the entire duration of the Course.

Course Directors

Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Anh is an ASPBAE Executive Council member representing Southeast Asia. She has an International Master's Degree in Development Studies from Geneva, Switzerland, and has been in the development sector for 17 years. She is currently the National Coordinator of VAEFA - Vietnam Association for Education For All. She has been working since 2000 with NGOs, namely Vietnam Children's Fund, and the OXFAM QUEBEC Anti-human trafficking programme in the Greater Mekong sub-region (AHT programme).

Mr. Peter-Clinton Isaac Foaese is an ASPBAE Executive Council member representing the South Pacific. He has extensive knowledge and trainings in adult and community education and development, governance, youth development, and human rights. He has a Diploma and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Youth Development and has been working in mental health, community development, youth development, and environmental sustainability for the past 10 years. He is currently working for the New Zealand Office of the Children's Commissioner and is a member of the Adult and Community Education (ACE) Aotearoa Network.
For more information, please contact -

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A. The Nominee

- Name: ________________________________
- Address: ________________________________
- Telephone: ________________________________
- Email: ________________________________
- Gender: __________________________ Date of birth: __________________
- Name of organisation: ________________________________
- Designation in the organisation: ________________________________
- Size of the organisation (number of staff): ________________________________

B. Learning Objectives

Please send us a one page description on how your participation in this Course will contribute and support your ongoing work in your organisational and country context.

C. Curriculum Vitae

Please enclose a copy of your latest CV which outlines details of your work experience. We are particularly interested in your involvement in adult education and lifelong learning.

D. Cost-sharing Preference

There are very limited slots this year for fully subsidised participants. Priority will be offered to members with relatively limited budgets and/or those from poorer countries in the region.

a) If you are applying for a full subsidy, please indicate your organisation's annual turnover (in USD) in the last three years

- 2014 -
- 2015 -
- 2016 -

b) In the event that a full subsidy cannot be offered to you, please indicate if you will be able to support your participation by sharing costs. Please tick on the appropriate option below -

- [ ] I/My organisation can cover my travel costs
- [ ] I/My organisation can cover my local costs

Please Note:

Local costs will be approximately USD 600 to cover twin sharing accommodation and all meals for all the days of the BLDC.
All participants are expected to bear their visa and terminal fees, home country airport transfers, and any other overlay/transit costs as these will NOT be covered by ASPBAE for any participant.
E. Travel Document

Do you have a valid passport for your travel to Mongolia? (Please tick in the appropriate box below)

YES ☐ NO ☐ HAVE APPLIED FOR PASSPORT ☐

F. Endorsement by ASPBAE Member Organisations

Please secure the endorsement of two ASPBAE member organisations, one of which is not his/her own.

Endorsement 1:

Name of the ASPBAE member organisation: ______________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

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Telephone: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Name of the head of the organisation: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Signature of the head of the organization: ____________________________________________________________

Endorsement 2:

Name of the ASPBAE member organisation: ______________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

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Telephone: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Name of the head of the organisation: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Signature of the head of the organization: ____________________________________________________________

Please email this completed Nomination Form and the Enclosures to – bldc2017.aspbae@gmail.com before 25 August 2017.