

# REMOVING BARRIERS TO TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION

## in association with the UK-Kazakhstan Inter-Governmental Commission

<b>Date:</b>	<i>2 November 2021, 15.00 -18.00 (Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan time)</i>
<b>Time:</b>	<i>15.00 -16.00 – Plenary 16.00 – 18.00 - Workshops</i>
<b>Venue:</b>	<i>Rixos Hotel, Nur-Sultan and online broadcast through ZOOM platform</i>

Under the umbrella of the UK-Kazakhstan Inter-Governmental Commission, the British Council is organising a face to face and online Policy Forum devoted to the promotion of transnational education (TNE) in Kazakhstan. This is designed and delivered in partnership with the UK Department for International Trade, and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The results of the Forum will be integrated into the IGC bilateral protocol.

The Forum will be followed up by match-making exercises organised by DIT and future networking platforms for leaders in Higher Education organised by British Council.

### Forum Objectives:

1. Promote the development of transnational education between Kazakhstan and the UK.
2. Identify changes in higher education systems in both countries that support transnational education.
3. Create networking opportunities between universities in Kazakhstan and the UK (joint projects, exchange of experience, etc.).

The forum will be held in a hybrid format (offline + online) with up to 30 participants face-to-face as well as streamed online to 50+ participants.

**Simultaneous translation in English, Russian and Kazakh will be provided.**

## Forum participants:

Vice-Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the UK Ambassador, representative of the UK Department of International Trade, Country Director British Council Kazakhstan, President of the Centre of International Programmes, Vice-President of the Association of Universities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Experts from the UUKI (Universities UK International), representatives from the UK and Kazakhstan universities, the UK and Kazakhstan experts on transnational education.

## FORUM PROGRAM:

Time	Topic speaking
<b>15.00-15.40</b> <b>5 mins</b>	Moderator's welcome speech <i>Eric Lawrie, Director British Council Kazakhstan &amp; Central Asia</i>
<b>5 mins</b>	Welcome speech by Ms. Banu Narbekova, the Deputy Director of Higher Education Department of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan
<b>5 mins</b>	Welcome speech by Mr. Rupert Daniels, Director, Creative, Lifestyle and Learning at Department for International Trade (UK)
<b>5 mins</b>	Support from the Department of International Trade in the development of transnational education between the UK and Kazakhstan <i>Aisling Conboy, Higher Education Specialist at Department for International Trade (UK)</i>
<b>10 mins</b>	Oversight of the British Council's Creative Spark programme - partnership projects between universities in Kazakhstan and the UK <i>Nadia Trubova, Head of Education &amp; Society, British Council Kazakhstan</i>
<b>10 mins</b>	Joint research as a step to development of university collaboration between the UK and Central Asia <i>Professor Levent Altinay, Oxford Brookes University</i> <i>Dr. Endrit Kromidha, University of Birmingham</i>
<b>10 mins</b>	Educational projects as opportunities for international collaboration sustainability <i>Gulnara Merzadinova, vice-rector on science, commercialisation and internationalization, L. Gumilev Eurasian National University</i>
<b>20 mins</b>	Break
<b>16.00 -16.30</b>	<b>Workshop 1. Transnational education tools (hybrid, online learning)</b> Kevin van Cauter, British Council, transnational education expert. <i>Expectations vs Reality in transnational Education.</i> Indira Abilmazhinova, Head of the Internationalisation Division of the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of the

	<p>Republic of Kazakhstan. <i>State support for the development of transnational education in Kazakhstan.</i></p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what forms of transnational education exist and are of interest to universities in both countries;</li> <li>• how to remove barriers to transnational education;</li> <li>• registration for a matchmaking exercise between British and Kazakh universities.</li> </ul>
<b>16.30-17.00</b>	<p><b>Workshop 2. Joint research activity</b></p> <p>Ainur Karbozova, President of the Centre for International Programmes. <i>Bolashaq Science Fellowships.</i></p> <p>Aliya Sembinova, Kazakhstan PhD Association in UK (KPAUK). <i>Joining science and business – opportunities for scientists (Samruk Kazyna Fund).</i></p> <p>Brief information about partner search and funding for joint research projects (UUKI, British Council).</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• topics for research of interest to universities in both countries;</li> <li>• funding opportunities in research;</li> <li>• where partnership/research opportunities are advertised, how to find partners.</li> </ul>
<b>15 minutes</b>	Break
<b>17.15-17.45</b>	<p><b>Workshop 3. Academic mobility (staff/student exchange, staff/student mobility)</b></p> <p>Gill Gourlay and Sandy MacDonald, University of Northampton. <i>Turing Scheme – student mobility of the UK students.</i></p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exchange of students, faculty staff - what programs exist in post-covid reality</li> <li>• what are the opportunities / requests of Kazakhstani universities to involve British universities</li> </ul>
<b>17.45-18.00</b>	<p>Summing up (moderator)</p> <p>Further steps (registration for a matchmaking exercise between British and Kazakh universities to discuss joint projects)</p>