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English, Skills and Employability: Trinity or Trilemma?

6-7 May, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Programme

Day one: 6 May 2015			
09:30-09:45	Opening and welcome: Keith Davies, Country Director Sri Lanka, British Council Guest of Honour: Representative of the Government of Sri Lanka		
09:45-10:45	Opening Plenary 1: English - Skills - Employability 'Trinity or Trilemma?'		
10:45-11:00	Coffee and networking		
11:00-12:30	Research Presentation: The Role of English in Skills Development in South Asia		
12:30-13:30	Lunch and networking		
13:30-14:30	Parallel 1 'Who's rising to the skills challenge (and how) and who's paying?' – Quality and Scale	Parallel 1 'Not for my child' – Tackling the Poor public perception of the TVET sector	Parallel 2 'Catch-22' – Quality and relevance of skills outcomes
14:30-14:45	Review point and feedback from groups: key messages		
14:45-15:45	Plenary 2: 'Brick to clicks' – New models of Delivery		
15:45-16:00	Coffee and networking		
16:00-17:15	Case studies and Think Piece presentations		
19:00	Cultural Evening – Networking Reception		

Day two: 7 May 2015	
Breakfast sessions	Optional breakfast briefings designed to stimulate discussion and debate in an informal setting. Welcome to Day 2
09:30-10:30	Research: Skills development– Key trends in South Asia - A custom research report for British Council by The Economist Intelligence Unit Skills needed: Addressing South Asia’s deficit of technical and soft skills - custom research report commissioned by the British Council and conducted by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
10:30-11:30	Plenary 3: ‘Minding your language’ - English Skills in a globalised economy Research: English Skills for Employability
11:30-11:45	Coffee and networking
11:45-12:45	Plenary 4 ‘A matter of Trust’: Education, Employers and Policy Makers
12:45-13:30	Lunch and Networking
13:30-14:45	Open Session and Recommendations:
14:45-15:00	Dialogue Close