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Panel session at SKIMA 2023

Accreditation of Programs and Internationalization experiences at South Asian HEIs

In an era marked by increasing globalization and the growing demand for high-quality education, South Asian HEIs are at the forefront of adapting to these evolving trends. International accreditation of academic programs and increasing the internationalization of higher education have become vital components in ensuring the competitiveness and relevance of institutions in this region. This panel brings together experts, educators, and thought leaders to explore the crucial role that accreditation plays in enhancing program quality and the various internationalization strategies employed by South Asian HEIs to foster global collaboration, diversity, and excellence.

The panel session, organized by the [SSAPI](#) consortium, is open to all the SKIMA community.

The program is composed of two events: a **keynote** and the **panel** itself. The panel will be composed, among others, of the SSAPI consortium universities representatives.

- Keynote (30 min): Cheki Dorji, Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan
- Panel (60 min):
 - Cheki Dorji, Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan
 - Deepika Priyadarshani, SLTC, Sri Lanka
 - Dhammika Herath, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
 - Ingrid Rügge, University of Bremen, Germany (*moderator*)
 - Mohamed Adil and Fazeela Ibrahim, Villa College, Maldives
 - Rameshwar Rijal, Kathmandu Engineering College, Nepal (*special invitee*)
 - Shahuneeza Naseer, Maldives National University, Maldives
 - Teresa Gonçalves, University of Évora, Portugal (*moderator*)
 - Wangchuk, Khesar Gyalpo Medical University of Bhutan, Bhutan

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