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# Exploring the New Direction of Equity and Inclusion towards Transforming Education

How can we achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, ensuring quality education for all, in the face of global challenges, such as the impacts from COVID-19? Speakers from Promotion of Sustainability in Postgraduate Education and Research Network (ProSPER.Net) member universities, UNESCO, UNU-IAS, MEXT, MOE and Sophia University will collaborate to discuss a new direction for equity and inclusion towards transforming education and the role of higher education.



## Welcome and Congratulatory Remarks

**Prof. Dr. Tetsuo Morishita**

Vice President for Global Academic Affairs,  
Sophia University

**Prof. Dr. Deepak Sharma**

Professor of Asian Institute of Technology,  
Board Chair of ProSPER. Net

**Prof. Dr. Shinobu Yamaguchi** Director of UNU-IAS

**Mr. Reiji Higashioka**

Director, Ministry's Secretariat, Office of Environmental Education,  
Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Japan



Prof. Dr. Deepak Sharma



## Keynote Speech



**Equity and Inclusion: Setting the agenda for the transformation of higher education in Asia and the Pacific**

**Dr. Libing Wang**

Chief, Section for Educational Innovation and Skills Development  
(EISD), UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Bangkok

\*Moderator



## Panel Discussion

**Prof. Dr. Miki Sugimura** Faculty of Human Sciences, Sophia University

**Mr. Yosuke Kobayashi**

Director, International Affairs Division, Higher Education Bureau,  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan

**Dr. Athapol Anunthavorasakul**

Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University

**Dr. Carl Odulio**

Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, University of the Philippines Diliman

**Prof. Dr. Tomonori Ichinose**

Faculty of Education, Miyagi University of Education

**Mr. Brenson Andres**

Graduate School of Human Sciences, Sophia University



## Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

**Dr. Jonghwi Park**

Head of Innovation and Education Programme, UNU-IAS



## Emcee

**Ms. Miki Konishi**

Coordinator of Innovation and Education Programme, UNU-IAS

**Date:** Sat., **October 21, 2023 17:00-19:00 (JST)**

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#1702 International Conference Hall (max. 120 seats) /  
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