



**ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> ECOEI HIGH LEVEL UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES' FORUM**

**DRAFT PROGRAM**

**20 December 2023, Wednesday, on Zoom**

High Level University Representatives Forum (HLURF) aims at creating a high-level platform to discuss opportunities and challenges regarding regional cooperation on higher education. The second HLURF focuses on daily challenges experienced by international students regarding their adjustment to a new environment.

The expected outcome is to identify challenges and devise appropriate, beneficial and sustainable modalities to support internationalization of higher education in the region.

*The language of the Forum is English. Translations to/from Persian and Russian will be available. Participants are expected to fill the registration form at <https://forms.gle/DJ1BRH8tBN1HFaZr6> by **4 December 2023**. The Zoom link and the final program will be sent to registered participants.*

**12:30-13.30    Opening Speeches**

**13:30-15.00    Session 1: Roundtable on Personal and Social Challenges**

Each speaker is expected to make a 5 minute speech sharing their views on the following and related issues:

- Language barrier
- Homesickness,
- Social integration and cultural adjustment,
- Discrimination and prejudice
- Housing and accommodation challenges
- Other personal and social challenges

**15:00-15:30    Break**

**15:30-17.00    Session 2: Roundtable on Administrative Challenges**

Each speaker is expected to make a 3-5 minute speech sharing their views on the following and related issues:

- Visa and immigration issues
- Internship and employment,
- Financial concerns,
- Navigating healthcare systems
- Banking systems
- Other legal and administrative issues