

# 2026 Global Smart Education Conference



AI & Sustainable Development in Education

Beijing · China 08.18-08.20

Concept Note

Global Smart Education Network

# A Decade of CSE: Towards a New Phase of Smart Education

**2016**

The 1st US-China Smart Education Conference  
January 14-16, 2016, Beijing·China  
Theme: Creating Platforms, Designing Solutions, Anticipating Trends and Fostering Exchange



**2017**

The 2nd US-China Smart Education Conference  
March 18-20, 2017, Beijing·China  
Theme: Prospects for Smart Learning in Higher Education



**2018**

The 3rd US-China Smart Education Conference  
March 18-20, 2018, Beijing·China  
Theme: Vocational Education and Industrial Development



**2020**

Global Smart Education Conference  
August 20-22, 2020, Beijing·China  
Theme: Artificial Intelligence and Future Education



**2022**

Global Smart Education Conference  
August 18-20, 2022, Beijing·China  
Theme: Intelligent Technology and Digital Transformation in Education



**2024**

Global Smart Education Conference  
August 18-20, 2024, Beijing·China  
Theme: Educational Transformation and International Understanding



**2019**

The 4th US-China Smart Education Conference  
March 18-20, 2019, Denton·Texas  
Theme: Transforming Education through Intelligent Technology



**2021**

Global Smart Education Conference  
August 18-20, 2021, Beijing·China  
Theme: Smart Learning and Futures of Education



**2023**

Global Smart Education Conference  
August 18-20, 2023, Beijing·China  
Theme: Education Transformation and Data Governance



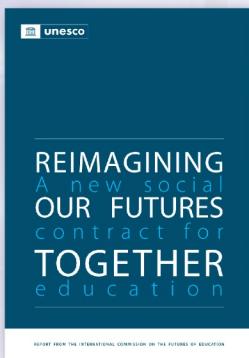
**2025**

Global Smart Education Conference  
August 18-20, 2025, Beijing·China  
Theme: Human-AI Collaboration: Reshaping the Educational Ecosystem for the Future



# 2021

## Reimagining Our Futures Together: A New Social Contract for Education



**The Digital Transformation of Our Societies is Impacting Our Lives in Unprecedented Ways**  
Computers are quickly changing the ways in which knowledge is created, accessed, disseminated, validated, and used. Much of this is making information more accessible and opening new and promising avenues for education.

# 2022

## Transforming Education Summit

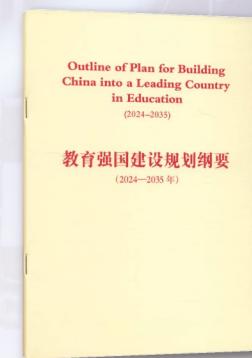


### Assuring and Improving Quality Public Digital Learning for All

We must harness the power of the digital revolution to ensure quality education is provided as a public good and a human right, with a particular focus on the most marginalised.

# 2024

## Outline of Plan for Building China into a Leading Country in Education



### Building a Learning Society and Opening New Development Tracks and Shaping New Advantages through Educational Digitalization

China will implement the national strategy for educational digitalization, adhere to an application-oriented approach underpinned by sound governance, promote integrated, intelligent and international development, strengthen and make full use of the National Smart Education Platform, and build a horizontally and vertically interconnected, well-coordinated digital education system.

## What We Focus On

### Emerging Priorities and Key Concerns

- AI and future education
- Human–AI collaborative teaching and learning
- AI and future-ready schools
- Data governance and ethics in education
- Digital public platforms and services
- Student wellbeing and holistic development
- Cognitive development and on-demand learning
- Integrated STEM and science literacy
- Work-based learning and education–industry linkages

### Critical Elements of Smart Education

- Digital learning resources and smart reading
- Smart campuses and learning environments
- Educational technology and equipment
- Data-informed assessment and evaluation

### Full-Spectrum Education Coverage

- Early childhood education
- K–12 education
- Technical and vocational education and training (TVET)
- Higher education
- Lifelong learning
- .....



### Attendees

- 20 Academicians
- 2 Nobel Laureates
- 2200+ Guest Speakers
- 100+ Countries



### Forums

- 1600+ Keynote Speeches
- 110+ Forums
- 350+ Regions & Schools



### Achievements

- 2000+ Best Practices
- 40+ Research Reports
- 8 Platforms



### Media

- 30 millions+ Live Stream Views
- 20+ Live Stream Channels
- 150+ Supporting Media



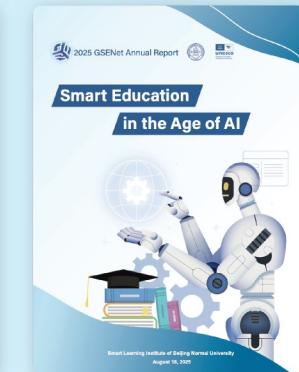
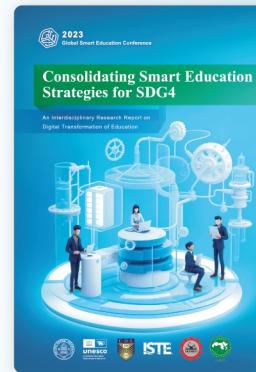
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- 170+ Exhibitors
- 70+ Sponsors
- 6 Exhibitions

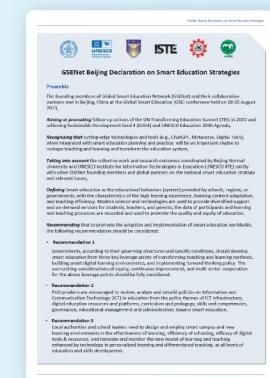
# GSENet: Global Smart Education Network



Network with the Best for Promoting Smart Education for All.



- Consolidating Smart Education Strategies for SDG4: An Interdisciplinary Research Report on Digital Transformation of Education, 2023
- Global Understanding of Smart Education in the Context of Digital Transformation, 2024
- Smart Education in the Age of AI, 2025



- Initiative for Global Smart Education Network (GSENet), 2022
- GSENet Beijing Declaration on Smart Education Strategies, 2023
- GSENet Statement at the Conclusion of the Global Smart Education Conference, 2025



Representatives of GSENet, 2025



GSENet Partners' Meeting, 2024



GSENet Partners' Meeting, 2025

## Organizers



Beijing Normal University (BNU) grew out of the Education Department of Imperial University of Peking established in 1902, which initiated teacher training in China's higher education. After the development for over a century, BNU has become a comprehensive and research-intensive university with its main characteristics of basic disciplines in sciences and humanities, teacher education and educational science.



UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IIITE) was established as an integral part of UNESCO by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 29th session (November 1997). IIITE is the only UNESCO Category 1 Institute with a global mandate for ICT in education.

## Hosts



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Beijing Normal University



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Normal University



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Normal University



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Social Development



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Cyberlearning and Intelligent Technology

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- Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO)
- Commonwealth of Learning (COL)
- International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)
- Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)
- UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report Team
- UNESCO Global Alliance on the Science of Learning for Education
- UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education (UNESCO IESALC)
- UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (UNESCO MGIEP)
- International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)
- UNESCO Chair on AI in Education (UNESCO Chair on AIED)
- UNESCO International Research and Training Centre for Rural Education (UNESCO INRULED)
- Collaborative Innovation Center of Assessment for Basic Education Quality, China
- State Key Laboratory of Virtual Reality Technology and Systems, China
- Educational Informatization Strategy Research Bases (Beijing, Central China, and Northwest China), Ministry of Education, P.R. China
- NetDragon Websoft Inc., China
- iFlytek Co., Ltd., China
- China Information Technology Education Magazine
- New Reading Magazine, China

## Co-Chairs of GSE



2020-2025

**CHENG Jianping**

Chairman of the University Council,  
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Chairman of CIT, China



2020-2024

**ZHAO Qinping**

Academician of Chinese  
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2025

**TANG Qian**

Former Assistant Director-General  
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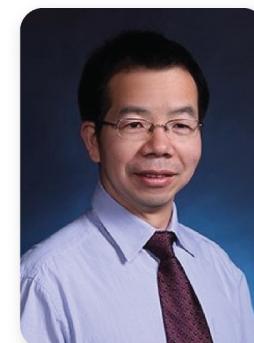
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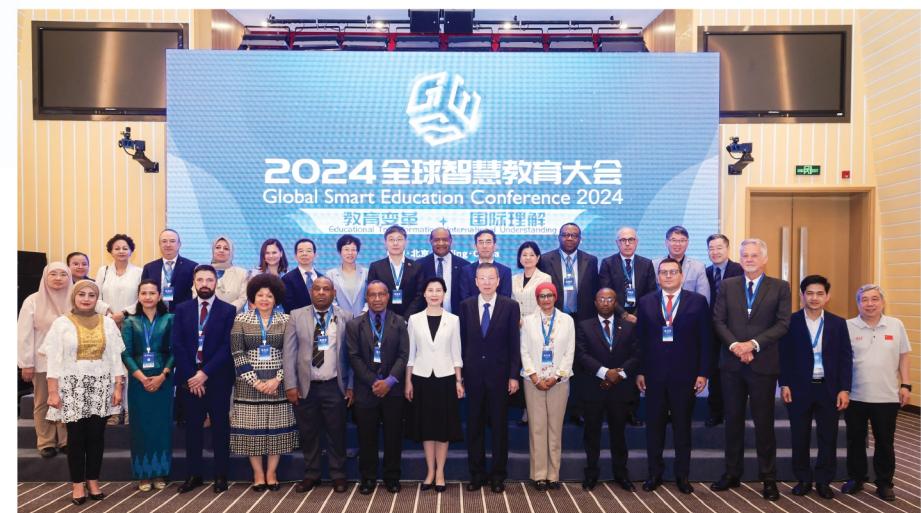
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Co-Dean of Smart Learning Institute of  
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Chairholder of the UNESCO Chair on  
Artificial Intelligence in Education

\*The titles and positions of guests listed in this album correspond to the posts they held in the year of their attendance.

## Opening the Door to Smart Education, Co-creating the Future of Education

Since 2020, the Global Smart Education Conference (GSE) has served as a key international platform for dialogue and cooperation on smart education. Anchored in policies, technologies, theories and practices, the conference convenes plenary and parallel sessions, high-level dialogues, roundtables, workshops, seminars and the Global Competition on Design for Future Education, as well as exhibitions of exemplary practices and innovative solutions in smart education. In doing so, it advances the digital transformation of education worldwide, opens new pathways toward smart education, and contributes to a shared, forward-looking blueprint for the future of learning.



# Towards a Shared Global Vision for Smart Education

2017

**DU Zhanyuan**  
Vice-Minister  
Ministry of Education, P.R. China



“Increasing efforts to promote the deep integration of information technologies and education and reforming the education system under the framework of traditional industrial society are the necessary ways to achieve the development goal of the Education Modernization 2030 Plan.”

2023

**CHEN Jie**  
Vice-Minister  
Ministry of Education, P.R. China



“As a new form of education in the digital age, smart education is an inevitable choice for advancing high-quality, inclusive education and ensuring lifelong learning opportunities for all. Guided by the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, China stands ready to work closely with the international community to develop smart education and advance the digital transformation of education.”

2024

**WANG Jiayi**  
Vice-Minister  
Ministry of Education, P.R. China



“The Chinese government places great emphasis on the critical role of digitalization in driving educational reform. For three consecutive years, it has implemented the national digital education strategy, prioritizing practical applications. Adhering to the principles of integration, intelligence, and internationalization, the government is fully committed to building a national smart education platform to effectively support the modernization of education.”

2025

**WU Yan**  
Vice-Minister  
Ministry of Education, P.R. China



“China has put forward the ‘Three New and Four Futures’ framework for the development of smart education. The ‘Three New’ refer to: moving from digitalization to a new stage of smart education, establishing a new competence-oriented standard for talent cultivation, and opening up new pathways for future educational transformation. The ‘Four Futures’ focus on: preparing future-ready teachers, building future classrooms, developing future schools, and creating future learning centers.”



**Branko Ruzic**

First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Science, and Technological Development, Serbia



**Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun**

Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Mauritius



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Former Deputy Director-General, UNESCO



**Manos Antoninis**  
Director, UNESCO Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report

## Stefania Giannini

UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education

“The design and use of technology should be in the service of people - to enhance human capacity, protect human rights, and ensure sustainable development. Going forward, inclusion must be the yardstick of every policy.”



**Sobhi Tawil**  
Director, Future of Learning and Innovation Team, UNESCO



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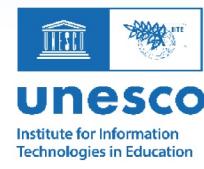
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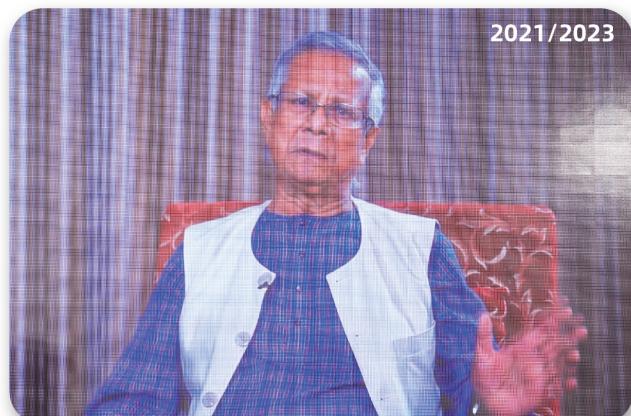
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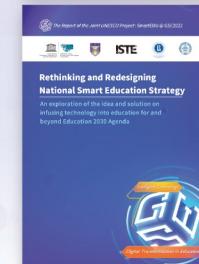
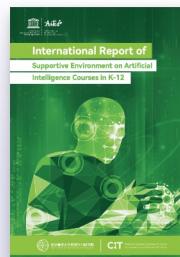
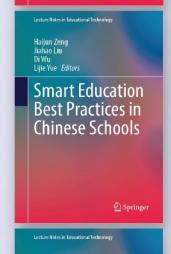
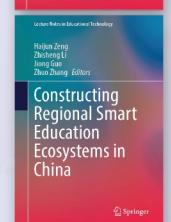
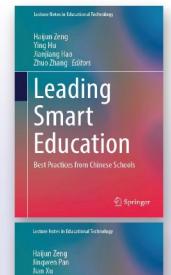
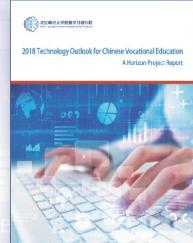
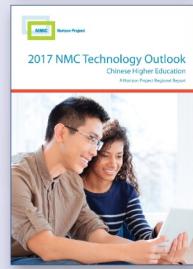
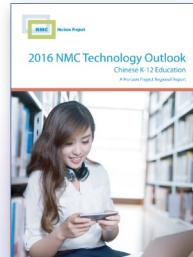
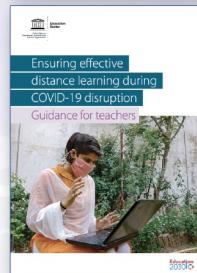
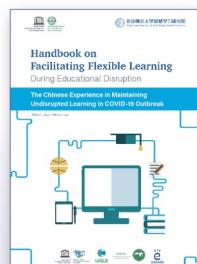
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**CHEN Guangju**

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# Conference Outcomes: Sharing Smart Education Innovations Worldwide



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Global Smart Education Conference



# Shaping the Future Together: Exploring New Pathways for Educational Transformation



Ministerial Roundtable



Roundtable on Women's Leadership in AI



Roundtable on China-Africa-SIDS Cooperation in Smart Education



ASEAN-China TVET Management Benchmarking Programme



Student Forum on Innovative Design in Human-AI Collaboration



Regional Leadership Roundtable on the Development of the Educational Technology Industry



Work Conference for the Construction and Application of Intelligent Learning Environment in Alliance Schools (Districts)



UNESCO Chairs Conversation Salon

# Smart Education Exhibition



# Global Smart Education Innovation Prize

## LIU Dejian

Initiator of the Global Smart Education Innovation Prize and Chair of its Selection Committee

“In pursuit of ‘ideal education’, we initiated the Global Smart Education Innovation Prize, which recognises innovation in research, practice and technology, gathers global wisdom, and helps shape the future of education.”



## 2025 Global Smart Education Innovation Prize

- 3 Research Innovation Prize
- 4 Practice Innovation Prize
- 3 Technology Innovation Prize



## 2024 Global Smart Education Innovation Prize

- 2 Research Innovation Prize
- 4 Practice Innovation Prize
- 2 Technology Innovation Prize



## Partnership Dialogues





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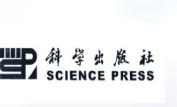
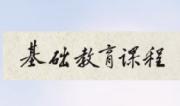
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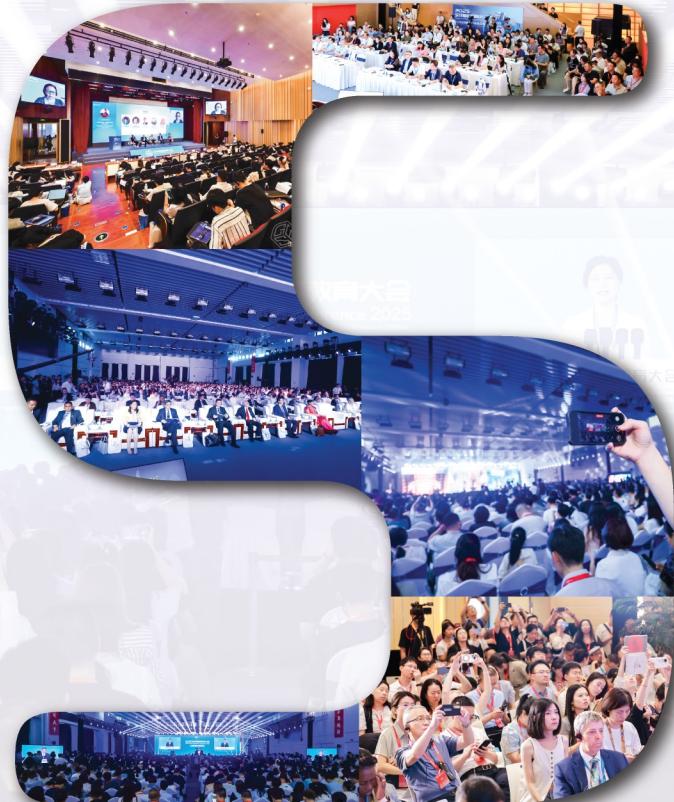
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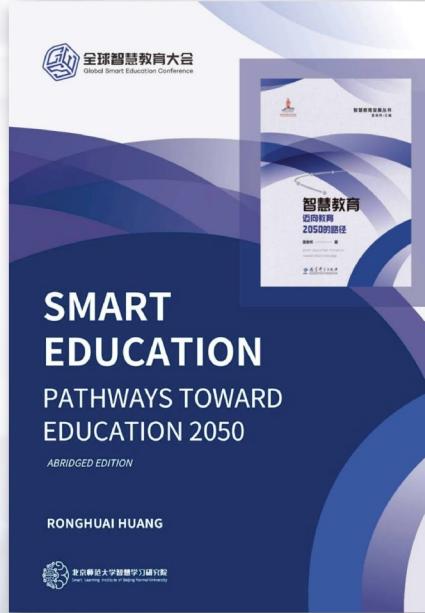








# Smart Education: Pathways Toward Education 2050



“ As the target form of educational digital transformation, smart education aims, on the basis of deep integration between technology and education, to promote a comprehensive transformation of educational philosophy, pedagogical processes, infrastructural environments, assessment methods and governance models, in order to drive profound and systemic change in education and to lead education systems toward overall renewal. ”

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Be in awe of education, for it shapes the soul of human,  
Be cautious to technologies, for its adoption has to be effective.  
Be entangled with Smart, for the uncertainty tends to be increasing,  
Be serious to academies, for the true research needs evidence.

--Ronghuai Huang March 20th, 2017



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