

BILDUNGSFORUM ASIEN 2025

German-Asian Forum on Vocational Education & Training

Date: 28 March 2025

Time: 8.00 – 16.00 hrs

Location: EY · Rothenbaumchaussee 78 · 20148 Hamburg

Participants: 80-100 pax

08:00 – 09:00 hrs **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

09:00 – 09:15 hrs **Welcome and Opening**

- **Olaf Riedel**, Partner, EY
 - **Dr. Arnd Nenstiel**, Chairman of OAV, Senior Project Lead EU Green Deal, Bayer
 - **Dr. Andreas Werner**, Head of iMOVE
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09:15 – 09:45 hrs **Opening Speech/Keynote**

- **Claudia Müller**, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Opening Speech/Keynote

Perspectives from Asia:

- **Minister of Education from Asia-Pacific** (tbc)
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09:45 – 10:00 hrs **Short Break**

10:00 – 11:00 hrs **Panel discussion**

Bridging Supply and Demand: Challenges and Opportunities for German Education Providers in Asia – Perspectives from Industry and Policy

Concept: This panel explores supply and demand from the perspectives of educational providers and industries, with a focus on Asia. It aims to align German educational offerings with the needs of Asian businesses and policymakers. Key questions address challenges, Germany's limited presence despite numerous providers, and how German companies can improve its competitiveness globally.

- **Jan Heinze**, Managing Director, Heinze Akademie
- **Alok Kumar**, CEO of National Skill Development Corporation International (NSDC-I)
- **Dr. Daniel Büttner**, CEO & Founder, COLCONS

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- Moderation by: **Silvia Niediek**, Regional Manager South Asia, Southeast Asia & North America, iMOVE

11:00 – 12:00 hrs

Panel discussion

Building Skills: Collaborative Training for a specific Key Sector

Concept: This panel explores sector-specific training involving politicians and companies in areas like Advanced Manufacturing, Water Treatment, Renewables, Waste Management, and Chemicals. The focus is on attracting and retaining skilled workers in specialized fields. It emphasizes the of companies with in-house training and how educational providers can support these efforts. Politicians will explain the importance and future potential of these sectors for the country.

- **Tobias Bolle**, Director Vocational Education & Training Abroad, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)
- High-Ranking Representative of the **Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA)** (tbc)
- **H.E. Yeezang De Thapa**, Hon'ble Minister of Education and Skills Development of Bhutan (tbc)
- **Moderation by: Enrico Rühle**, Chairmen of the OAV – Working Group TVET & Chairman of the Advisory Board, FachkräfteWandel e.V.

12.00 – 13:30 hrs

Lunchbreak, Networking & Marketplace

13:30 – 13:40 hrs

Spotlight

Bureaucracy Reduction: What Has Been Achieved and What Is Being Done.

Update on recent developments and ongoing efforts to streamline administrative processes, with a particular focus on visa procedures from the BfAA.

Speaker:

Representative from BfAA (tbc)

13:40 – 14:40 hrs

Panel discussion

Digital Up-and Reskilling: How can TVET lead the digital Transition

Concept: This panel will examine how TVET can lead the digital transition by equipping workers with essential digital skills. Experts will discuss strategies for upskilling and reskilling to meet evolving industry needs. Real-world examples and key partnerships will showcase scalable solutions for a digitally competent workforce.

- **Dr. Katharina Luh**, Change & Learning Partner, EY Germany (tbc)
- **Dr. Nader Imani**, VP Global Education, Festo Didactic SE
- **High-Ranking Representative from Asia-Pacific** (tbc)

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- **Moderation by: Dr. Norbert Völker**, CEO, Didacta Association

14:40 – 14:50 hrs **Spotlight**
Germany's Skilled Labor Strategy in India: Insights and Recent Developments

Speaker:
Arunachalam Karthikeyan, Head, iMOVE Office India

14:50 – 15:50 hrs **Panel discussion**
Making Migration Fair: How Both Countries Can Benefit

Concept: This involves exploring models where both countries and individuals can benefit from skilled labor migration. The focus is on ensuring that migration is fair, humane, and sustainable. Additionally, it considers strategies for Germany to retain skilled professionals.

- **Birgit Thomann**, Head of International Vocational Education and Training Department, BIBB
- **Nils Haupt**, Senior Director Corporate Communications at Hapag-Lloyd AG, Hapag Lloyd
- Moderation by **Sören Konaretzki**, Regional Manager ASEAN, OAV – German Asia-Pacific Business Association

15:50 – 16:00 hrs **Wrap-Up**

From 16:00 hrs **Conclusion with Coffee**