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CIFAL Shanghai - 2026 Worldwide Educators Conference (WVEC) - 12th Edition

People

Deadline: 19 Aug 2026

Type:	Conference
Location:	Shanghai, China
Date:	20 Aug 2026 to 22 Aug 2026
Duration:	3 Days
Thematic Area:	Cross Cutting: Learning, Capacity Development and Leadership
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Partnership:	CIFAL Shanghai

BACKGROUND

The Worldwide Educators Conference (WVEC), founded in 2013, is an annual international conference held in Shanghai from 20 to 22 August. Over eleven editions, it has developed into a highly influential cross-industry event focused on

“education + all industries.” The conference convenes leaders, experts, scholars, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders from government, education, culture, technology, academia, business and capital, facilitating exchanges through keynote speeches, professional forums and other formats. Each edition attracts more than 10,000 professional visitors, 5,000 enterprises and 500 guest speakers.

The 12th edition of WWEC in 2026 is a three-day conference comprising 24 parallel sessions and five workshops covering a broad spectrum of education-related areas. These include AI education, international and cross-border education, higher and vocational education, science and health education, lifelong and senior education, educational compliance, educational public welfare, industry-university cooperation, technology, investment and educational innovation.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The conference aims to:

- Promote dialogue, exchange and cooperation among stakeholders from education, government, academia, technology, business and other sectors.
- Support alignment of education development with the **United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.
- Establish an integrated platform for **policy interpretation, industry exchange, industry matchmaking and industry-university-research cooperation**.
- Facilitate discussion of emerging trends, technologies, policies and practical challenges affecting education.
- Strengthen cross-sector collaboration by connecting education with technology, cultural tourism, health care, capital, commerce and other relevant sectors.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The 2026 WWEC is structured as a **three-day international conference**, incorporating an opening ceremony, thematic forums, parallel conferences and workshops.

On **20 August**, the programme begins with the WVEC Opening Ceremony, followed by parallel sessions including the Holistic Education Forum, Health Education Conference, International Education Conference, Science Education Conference and specialized workshops. The day concludes with the Global Education Charity Awards Gala Dinner.

On **21 August**, parallel sessions address themes including artificial intelligence, education technology, private education, research-based tourism and camp education, higher education, internationalization, educational space reconstruction and education marketing.

On **22 August**, the programme includes the 2026 Sustainable Development Business Conference, Silver Economy Conference, a special meeting on self-discipline and compliant development in the education industry, the China Knowledge IP Empowerment Conference, and a conference addressing AI and vocational education.

METHODOLOGY

The event uses a **conference-based, participatory and multidisciplinary methodology**, combining opening and keynote interventions, professional forums, thematic parallel sessions, workshops, expert presentations, and opportunities for interaction and exchange among participants.

The format facilitates dialogue between stakeholders from diverse professional and institutional backgrounds and encourages cross-sector exchange on policy, research, technological innovation, educational practices and emerging trends. This methodology is consistent with the conference's stated approach of facilitating in-depth interactions and exchanges through keynote speeches and professional forums.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The conference targets a broad international and multidisciplinary audience, including:

Government representatives and policymakers; education leaders and administrators; university presidents and higher education representatives; academicians, researchers and scholars; educators and

education professionals; representatives of CIFAL Centres; technology and innovation experts; industry and business leaders; entrepreneurs; representatives of education-related enterprises; and stakeholders from culture, health, capital, commerce and other sectors connected with education.

The Conference Overview specifically describes the event as bringing together leaders, experts, scholars, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders from government, education, culture, technology, academia, business and capital.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UNITAR is identified as the guiding unit of WVEC 2026, while **CIFAL Shanghai is one of the event organizers**. The Conference Overview also identifies UNITAR and CIFAL Global Network representatives among the distinguished guests, alongside representatives of CIFAL Japan, CIFAL Jeju and CIFAL Philippines.