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# Adapting to Changing Priorities in an Evolving World:

## The Work of UNESCO and its International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)

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UNESCO's International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) was created in 1963 as an autonomous body within the UNESCO family. IIEP is headquartered in Paris, and its work is overseen by a 12-member Governing Board. It has a distinguished reputation in training, research and technical assistance.

Over the decades, the educational planning needs at the country level have evolved significantly. Among factors in this evolution have been advances in technology, shifts towards decentralisation, and changing perceptions on the appropriate roles of state and non-state actors.

Mr Mahshi will explain how IIEP operates within the UNESCO framework, commenting on the priorities for UNESCO as a whole and for the Institute. He will include some remarks about ways in which IIEP works with the university sector, including possibilities for HKU.



**Khalil Mahshi** was born in Palestine and has dual French and Jordanian nationality. He has worked in IIEP since 2001. He became Director in 2010, having previously been Deputy Director and Head of the Technical Assistance and Sector Planning team. He has worked closely with planning units in many countries, sometimes in challenging conditions. This includes work in Afghanistan as well as such countries as Angola, Cambodia and Egypt. His current portfolio requires close liaison with UNESCO Headquarters as well as its Member States.

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*All welcome!*