

Dear Colleagues,

Please read below a message from the Office of English Language Programs at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, US Department of State, about upcoming *Summit on the Future of the TESOL Profession* in Athens, Greece.

As you know, TESOL International Association is convening a group of international Delegates at the [Summit on the Future of the TESOL Profession](#) in Athens, Greece, 9-10 February 2017. The Summit will bring together respected and innovative thought leaders who represent a wide variety of contexts for a strategic conversation about the future of the profession. Supported by the Summit's [Guiding Principles](#), [Themes](#), and [Key Terms](#), TESOL will present 12 innovative and influential talks that addresses some of the pressing issue in the TESOL profession. These talks will support and challenge current beliefs. In partnership with the British Council, TESOL will be live streaming the events of the Summit.

Using your vast network of English language projects, TESOL is wondering if you would be interested in organizing live viewing sessions for people to watch and participant during the Summit's live-streaming. You could also send this email out to your various posts, teachers' associations, and other educational entities to encourage participation.

This may entail the following steps:

Pre-event:

1. Identify groups of people interested in being a part of the global conversation
2. Find a centralized locations for these people to meet, maybe at an IRC or American Space, teacher in-service training centers, with your Fellows or Access teachers, or in concert with teachers' associations
3. Recruit a group leader for each group and send his/her contact information to Sarah Sahr([ssahr@tesol.org](mailto:ssahr@tesol.org))

During-event:

4. Gather your groups on Thursday, 9 and Friday, 10 February 2017
5. Watch the three 15-minute presentations, live-stream
6. Facilitate the audience round-table group work (I will send discussion questions to group leaders by 8 February)
7. Send in questions for the Speaker Report out and Q&A.

Here is the current agenda (all times are listed in [Eastern European Time](#)):

Time	Thursday, 9 February 2017	Friday, 10 February 2017
8:00 am	8:00 – 9:00 am Registration	
8:30 am		
9:00 am	Welcoming Session & Summit	<b><u>Reimagining English Competence</u></b>

	Purpose	
9:30 am	<b><u>Futurology</u></b> 9:30 am – 3 presentations, 15 minute each 10:30 am – Audience round-table group work 11:30 am – Speakers Report out and Q&A  <u>(find the start time in your area)</u>	9:00 am – 3 presentations, 15 minute each 10:00 am – Audience round-table group work 11:00 am – Speakers Report out and Q&A  <u>(find the start time in your area)</u>
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11:00 am		
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12:00 pm		
12:30 pm	12:30 – 2:00 pm: Lunch	12:00 – 1:30 pm: Lunch
1:00 pm		
1:30 pm		
2:00 pm	<b><u>English in Multilingualism</u></b> 2:00 pm – 3 presentations, 15 minute each 3:00 pm – Audience round-table group work 4:00 pm – Speakers Report out and Q&A  <u>(find the start time in your area)</u>	<b><u>The Profession as a Change Agent</u></b> 1:30 pm – 3 presentations, 15 minute each 2:30 pm – Audience round-table group work 3:30 pm – Speakers Report out and Q&A  <u>(find the start time in your area)</u>
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4:30 pm	<u>(find the start time in your area)</u>	4:30 – 5:30 pm
5:00 pm	Break	Critical Summary/Closing session
Evening	5:30 – 7:00 pm Welcome Reception	

The event will also be recorded for viewing afterward, if you choose to hold your viewing session at a more convenient timing for your time zone. However, if you choose to go that route, you will not be able to submit questions for the delegates.

### Questions?

Please contact Sara Sahr, EdD, Director of Professional Learning & Research at TESOL International Association , at [ssahr@tesol.org](mailto:ssahr@tesol.org).