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*The Search for Meaningful and
Sustainable Partnerships in HE*

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Session Outline

1. Introduction and Ice Breaker
2. India: Challenges and Opportunities
3. Partnership Models: What Works and Why
4. Case Study: Immersive Civic Engagement
5. Resources and Funding for Exchange
6. Discussion

Session Objectives

Understand the Value of Building Partnerships
with India

Discuss Best Practices and Lessons Learned in
India

Explore New Partnership Models for Exchanges
with India

Review Funding and Policy Trends Impacting
Capacity Building

Ice Breaker

Please Raise Your Hand:

- 1) Who currently has working relationships in India through their institution?
- 2) Who has had partnerships with India for at least two years?

Challenges

Slow pace of partnerships

Slow government reforms

Barriers to foreign institutions entering market

Quality control of HE institutions

Supply-demand gap in HE

Uneven growth and access to education

Opportunities: Why India

- Fastest growing economy
- Higher education in transition
- Increasing reform
- Student mobility

Lessons Learned

- 1) India is not China
- 2) Pace of partnership building:
Resiliency, Patience, and Sense of
Humor
- 3) Challenges of Scaling

U.S.- India Relations

- Presidential-Prime Minister Initiatives
- Groundwork: OSI (Singh), GIAN (Modi)
- Policy changes encouraging partnership building
- Private sector initiatives

Partnership Models

Conferences and
collaborative
research

Civic
Engagement

Faculty
exchanges

Joint and dual
degree programs

Student
recruitment

Study, work,
volunteer,
internships

Case Study

- Immersive civic engagement
- Grassroots effort, embedded in communities
- Peace-building, capacity building, and democracy
- Nascent nonprofit sector in India
- Non-credit bearing

Outcomes

- Curricular Development
- Integrating Curricular and Co-curricular
- Critical thinking skills outside of academia
- Cultural intelligence
- Global empathy and leadership training

Resource Opportunities

- USIEF: Fulbright Nehru, Raman
- University consortium exchanges: AIIS, ISEP, USAC, IAESTE
- Fulbright Hays and Title VI/FLAS
- Foundations
- IIE IAPP (2012-13)

Discussion

- Best practices and recommendations
- Priority attention in partnership building
- Realistic expectations
- Areas for improvement
- “Where do we go from here?”

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