

National Organizations of Graduate Deans: Exploring Opportunities for Global Dialogue

As associations of graduate school leaders emerge in regions and nations around the world, new opportunities open up for global dialogue. In this session, deans from three graduate dean associations will describe briefly how they are structured and operate. This will form a basis for discussing new and innovative strategies and channels for cross-national dialogue on graduate education.

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- *Speaker: Rose Alinda Alias, Dean, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia*
- *Speaker: Wang Enge, Dean, Graduate School, Peking University*

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