



# Groningen Declaration Network

Creating a Global, Sustainable and Equitable  
Digital Learner Data Portability Environment

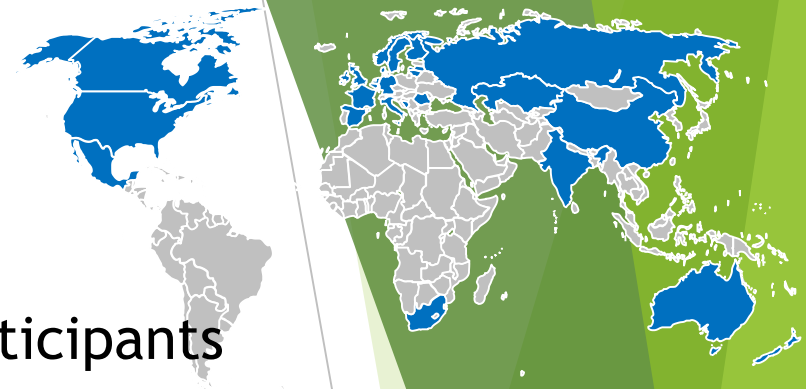
# What Groningen Declaration Network is...

- ▶ The Groningen Declaration Network (GDN) is a global network that seeks common ground in best serving the academic and professional mobility needs of citizens world wide by convening key stakeholders in the Digital Student Data Ecosystem at its Annual Meeting, to detonate projects, task forces, etc., that makes Digital Student Data Portability happen, for citizens world wide be able to consult and share their authentic educational data with whomever they want, whenever they want, wherever they are.

# Some GDN (Pre) History

- ▶ First dissemination efforts at EAIE (European Association for International Education) annual conferences, mainly period 2007-2015: Trondheim, Antwerp, Madrid, Nantes, Copenhagen, Dublin, Istanbul, Prague, Glasgow
- ▶ Parallel with presentations and workshops on document examination and data verification
- ▶ Common denominator: Transition from document based application processing to data based application processing and data sharing
- ▶ 2011: Establishment of EAIE Task Force DSDP - *Digital Student Data Portability*
- ▶ 2012: Founding seminar, *DSDDW Digital Student Data Depositories Worldwide* and adoption of Groningen Declaration, a global declaration of intention
- ▶ Initially hosted as free event, by invitation only
- ▶ 2014: Groningen Declaration Network (GDN) to replace DSDDW
- ▶ 2016, December: Establishment as international public benefit foundation

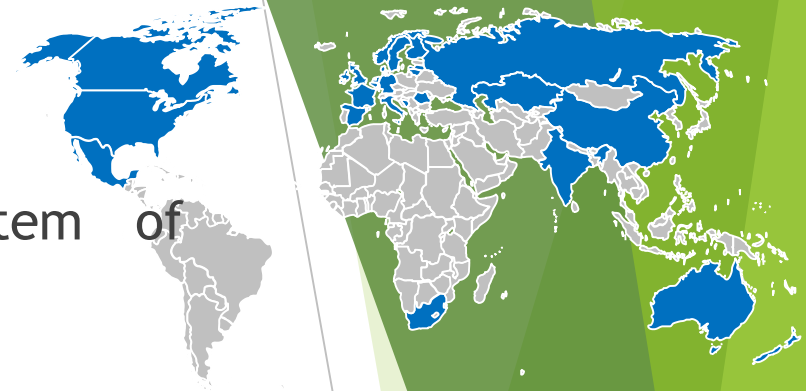
# Key Facts



- ▶ Created in 2012 in the Netherlands, Foundation Status 2016
- ▶ 100 signatories from 28 countries, 2000+ contacts, 130+ participants
- ▶ 12 member board of directors, representing every continent (Ameesh Shroff, India, Chair)
- ▶ Executive Director: Herman de Leeuw (Netherlands)
- ▶ Annual convening each spring, rotating continents (2020: India)
- ▶ Integrated into and supporting global mobility initiatives world-wide
- ▶ Works closely with UNESCO, World Bank/Education and ENIC-NARICs (European Network of Information Centres in the European Region- National Academic Recognition Information Centres in the European Union)

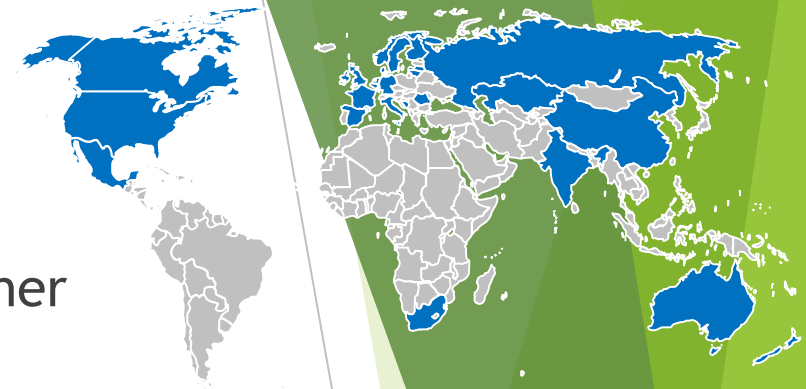
# Operating Values

- ▶ Maintain a diverse, global and interconnected ecosystem of participants
- ▶ All participants have given their commitment to:
  - ▶ learner privacy and data protection
  - ▶ transparent and responsible practices
  - ▶ the recognition of digital student data and qualifications
- ▶ Ensure that ALL citizen learners have access to secure digital records of their own educational achievements and can share them with whomever they choose, whenever, wherever (*learner centrality*)
- ▶ Support initiatives dealing with migrant data mobility, resettlement and access to services otherwise denied
- ▶ Bring resources to bear to address a fundamental lack and imbalance of global data and digital capacity



# Operationalizing Our Goals

- ▶ Annual convening bringing the international community together
- ▶ Focused on best practice sharing among the attendees:
  - ▶ Credential digitalization
  - ▶ Credential evaluation
  - ▶ Social use cases for international depositories
- ▶ Success tied to creating new pilots and expanding access globally
  - ▶ E.g. AQVN establishment; My eQuals; Multiple US-China Academic portals; Pan-Canadian Data Exchange Portal; EU-US academic portal developments
- ▶ Deliver on global data portability through *participant commitments*
- ▶ 2020: Regional strategy to drive awareness, access and adoption
  - ▶ Bringing together authorities and entities regionally, to identify and collaboratively develop new initiatives.



# GDN Goal: Developing Global Digital Data Eco-system to Further Cross Border Mobility of Learners

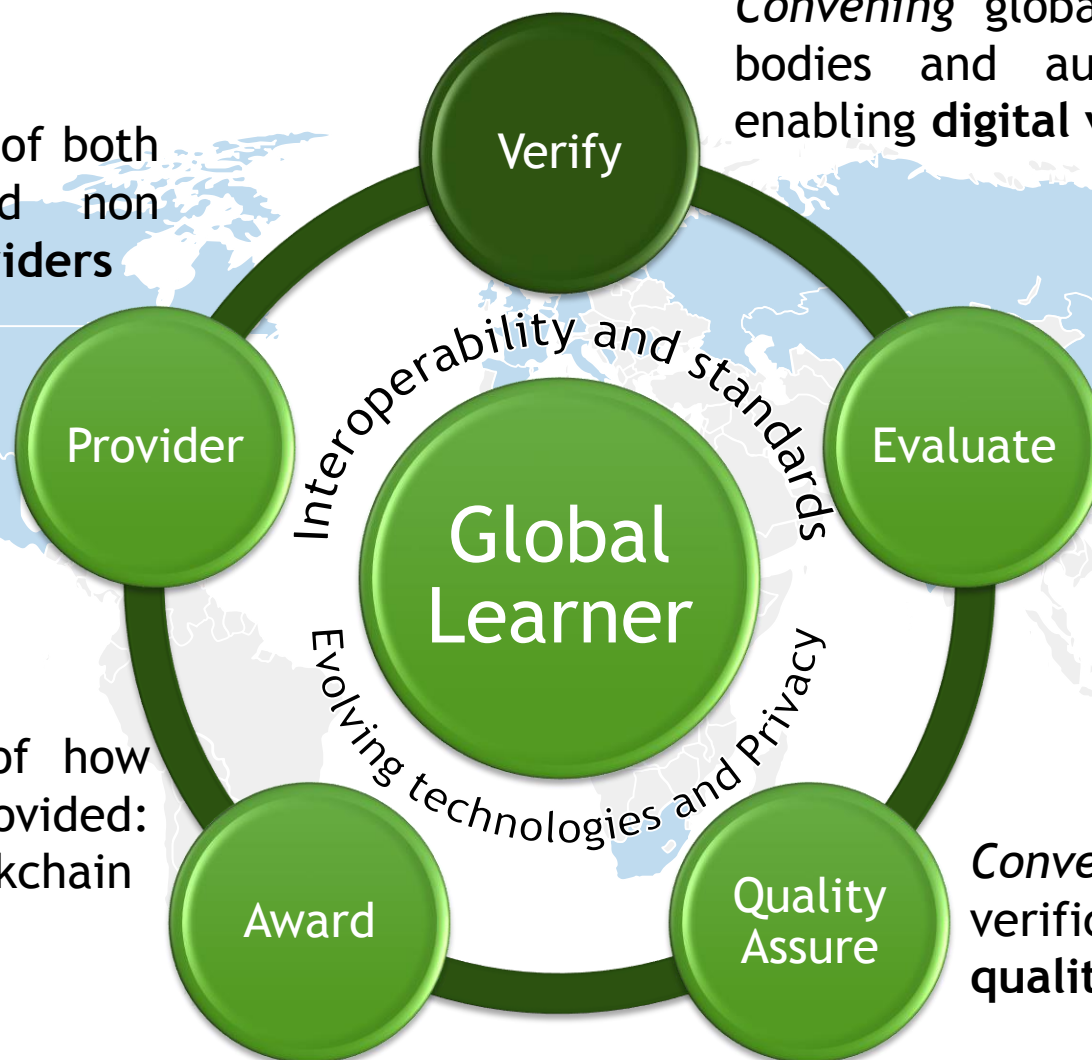
*Being inclusive of both traditional and non traditional providers*

*Convening global depositories, standards bodies and authorized representatives enabling **digital verification eco-systems***

*Convening global credential **evaluators** to ensure cross country comparability*

*Convening global qualification verification networks to **quality assure** credentials*

*Keeping in step of how **awards** are provided: paper, digital, blockchain*





# Annual Meeting 2020



## **GRONINGEN DECLARATION NETWORK 9TH ANNUAL MEETING**

**DELHI - INDIA, APRIL 15-17 2020**

**Using Innovation to Disrupt:  
Creating a Sustainable Digital Ecosystem for Learners**

- ▶ First student union to attend (and possibly sign GD): European Students' Union
- ▶ Possible involvement of AIU Association of Indian Universities
- ▶ Strong support from other international education bodies through their HQ in India

### KEYNOTES CONFIRMED THUS FAR

- ▶ Dr. Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary-General, HCCH
- ▶ Emeritus Prof. dr. Beverley Oliver, Deakin University, Australia
- ▶ Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE  
All-India Council for Technical Education



# Why GDN AM in India?

- ▶ Population close to 1.3 billion, booming economy, globally mobile learners
- ▶ GDN interest in anything to do with development of India's digital service provision since establishment of Indian *National Academic Depository* (NAD) and more recently, *DigiLocker*, a paperless, authentic governance, serving as India's citizen wallet
- ▶ Major government initiatives like *Digital India* and *5-I vision*, aiming at maximizing benefits of digital technologies for Indian population

## The 9th Annual GDN meeting convene practitioners and supporters to:

- Share digitalization development and use cases
- Bridge digital divides to serve the underserved
- Provide strategies and tactics that are working
- Expand number of new projects moving forward globally where capacity is lacking

# After the Event Day Tour: Taj Mahal and Agra



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# Call for proposals open to end November

- ▶ 2020 AM theme: *Using Innovation to Disrupt: Creating a Sustainable Digital Ecosystem for Learners*
- ▶ More info: [www.groningendeclaration.org](http://www.groningendeclaration.org)



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# Future Annual Meetings Confirmed Thus Far

- ▶ 2021, 10th GDN Annual Meeting: **Ottawa, Canada**, to be hosted by ARUCC, PCCAT, CUCCIO and CanPESC
- ▶ 2022, 11th GDN Annual Meeting: **Groningen, Netherlands**, to be hosted by MOE, DUO - Education Executive Agency, and University of Groningen
- ▶ Stay tuned for more ...

# Thank You for Your Interest!

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