



2024 Event Program

Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6



Pre-Conference Reception

Friday, October 4

6:00–8:00 PM Welcome Reception at The Westin Reston Heights (Harvest+Vine)



Day 1 Program

Saturday, October 5

8:15 AM	Transportation to Symposium
8:30-8:45 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:45-9:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks (Shashi Gupta)

Session 1: Innovative Methods (Moderator: Shashi Gupta) (15-minute presentation; 15-minute group discussion)

9:00-9:30 AM	Academy for Severe Handicaps & Autism (ASHA) <i>Jayashree Ramesh</i>
9:30-10:00 AM	Very Special Arts India <i>Sonia Sahnny</i>
10:00-10:30 PM	Wolf Trap Foundation <i>Christina Farrell</i>
10:30-11:00 AM	Break
11:00-11:30 AM	National Foundation for Autism Research <i>Sharon & Juan Leon</i>
11:30-12:00 AM	Kenya Connect <i>James Musyoka</i>
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch

Session 2: Breaking through to Self-Reliance (Moderator: Radhika Murari)

1:00-1:30 PM	Anmol Happy School <i>Sanjay Dhamsania</i>
1:30-2:00 PM	Daraja <i>Jenni Doherty</i>
2:00-2:30 PM	Hope Foundation <i>Abraham Thomas</i>
2:30-3:00 PM	Balavidyalaya <i>Dr. Meera Suresh</i>
3:00-3:30 PM	Break
3:30-4:00 PM	Beyond the Bars <i>Maya Ragsdale</i>
4:00-4:30PM	Salaam Baalak Trust <i>Vicky Roy</i>
4:30 PM	Transportation to The Westin Reston Heights
6:45 PM	Transportation to Dinner
7:00-9:30 PM	Dinner at Gupta Residence
9:30 PM	Return Transportation to The Westin Reston Heights



Day 2 Program

Sunday, October 6

8:45 AM Transportation to Symposium
9:00-9:15 AM Continental Breakfast

Session 3: New Approaches to Sustainability (Moderator: Mike Kettles)

9:15-9:45 AM Friends of Thai Daughters
Jane McBride
9:45-10:15 AM Global Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss
Paige Stringer
10:15-10:45 AM El Hombre Sobre la Tierra
Angela Petruso
10:45-11:15 AM Break

Session 4: Dual-Chamber Compost Toilets (Moderator: Shashi Gupta)

11:15-11:45 AM Bosque de Niebla A.C.
Ricardo Romero

Session 5: Cross-Learning in Action (Moderator: Margaret Gupta)

Working Lunch

11:45AM-12:15 PM Arjun Gupta – Reflections on a proposed GFF Internship Opportunity, details TBD

12:15-12:35 PM Karan Murari – Reflections on his recent trip to Kenya Connect

12:35-1:15 PM Successful Initiatives from the 2018 Cross-Learning Symposium (10 min each)

Arts in Early Childhood STEM Education
(Christina Farrell, India, Mexico and Kenya)

Composting Toilets
(James Musyoka, Kenya Connect)

Women's Empowerment & Microfinancing
(Varun on initiative in Kenya)

Hearing Impairment
(Meera Suresh, Balavidyalaya on Rwanda initiative)

1:15-1:55 PM Audience Discussion on Opportunities for Cross-Learning (Shashi)

1:55-2:00 PM Wrap-Up Session (Margaret Gupta)

2:00-3:00 PM Breakout sessions for Dual-chamber compost toilet implementation in Kenya and Uganda, and Discussion on Funding

2:00, 3:00, 4:00 PM Return Transportation to IAD



ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS

- Academy for Severe Handicaps and Autism (ASHA)
- Anmol Happy School
- Arlington Academy of Hope
- Balavidyalaya
- Beyond the Bars
- Bosque de Niebla A.C.
- Conexion Sustentable
- Daraja
- Disability EmpowHer Network
- El Hombre Sobre la Tierra
- Friends of Thai Daughters
- Global Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss
- Her Future Coalition
- Hope Foundation
- Jabala Action Research Organisation
- Kenya Connect
- Manavodaya
- Mobile Hope
- National Foundation for Autism Research (NFAR)
- OAR
- Pathlight HOME
- Salaam Baalak Trust
- She Believes In Me
- TenderLove Community Center
- Together We Bake
- Very Special Arts India
- Wolf Trap Foundation

