High Level University Representatives Forum (HLURF) aims at creating a high-level platform to discuss opportunities and challenges regarding regional cooperation on higher education. The second HLURF focuses on daily challenges experienced by international students regarding their adjustment to a new environment.

The expected outcome is to identify challenges and devise appropriate, beneficial and sustainable modalities to support internationalization of higher education in the region.

The language of the Forum is English. Translations to/from Persian and Russian will be available. Participants are expected to fill the registration form at [https://forms.gle/DJ1BRH8tBN1HFaZr6](https://forms.gle/DJ1BRH8tBN1HFaZr6) by 4 December 2023. The Zoom link and the final program will be sent to registered participants.

12:30-13.30 Opening Speeches

13:30-15.00 Session 1: Roundtable on Personal and Social Challenges

Each speaker is expected to make a 5 minute speech sharing their views on the following and related issues:

- Language barrier
- Homesickness,
- Social integration and cultural adjustment,
- Discrimination and prejudice
- Housing and accommodation challenges
- Other personal and social challenges

15:00-15:30 Break

15:30-17.00 Session 2: Roundtable on Administrative Challenges

Each speaker is expected to make a 3-5 minute speech sharing their views on the following and related issues:

- Visa and immigration issues
- Internship and employment,
- Financial concerns,
- Navigating healthcare systems
- Banking systems
- Other legal and administrative issues