

A portrait of Tracy Ferrier, a woman with long dark hair and bangs, smiling. She is wearing a green and white checkered shirt. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a library or study area with bookshelves.

Tracy Ferrier Head of Skills

**SKILLS FOR
EMPLOYABILITY**

Where do we work?

Wider Europe

Bosnia &
Herzegovina
Kosovo
Turkey
Israel
Serbia
Kazakhstan
Uzbekistan

East Asia

Vietnam
China

South Asia

Bangladesh
India
Pakistan

SSA

South Africa

Americas

Brazil
Jamaica
Colombia
Mexico
Trinidad &
Tobago

MENA

Bahrain
Iraq
Saudi Arabia
Kuwait
Oman
UAE
Yemen
Egypt
Libya
Morocco
Tunisia

Purpose of our work in skills

To enhance the quality of skills systems by encouraging closer links between education, employers and policy makers in the UK and worldwide

Our priorities

Fast-developing and emerging economies

Post-conflict and fragile states

Examples of our skills activities

- UK skills seminar series
- High level policy dialogue
- Principals' work shadowing programme
- International Skills Partnerships
- Global enterprise challenges
- Implementation of different models and approaches

UKCPIE Principal Shadowing Programme

- 19 UK Colleges and 21 Chinese Colleges have taken part in two phases of shadowing
- Each phase has included visits to China and UK, with structured workshops as well as more informal shadowing opportunities
- The intensive 21 day visits left Principals '*tired but happy*' after an '*unforgettable opportunity*'
- At the UK-China Principals Dialogue at the AoC conference, the Principals signed a joint statement reaffirming commitment to building mutually beneficial partnerships
- The AoC China Forum has been set up to support on-going work

UKCPIE Principal Shadowing Programme: Next steps

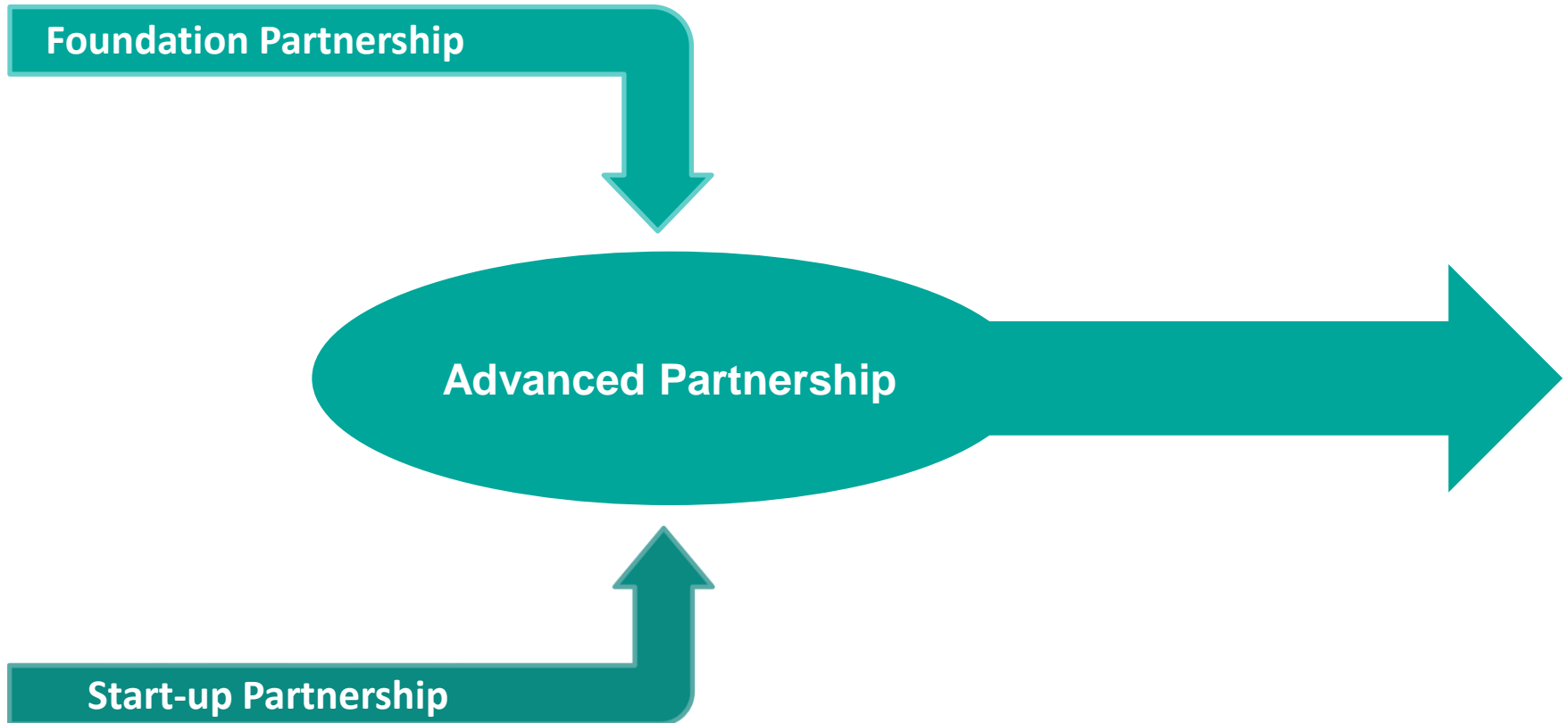
“All Colleges in this cohort are very keen to work together and develop links with their partner colleges...”

- Many colleges have signed MOUs to underpin future collaboration
- Each UK Principal has written a report under one of the themes:
 - college management and leadership
 - quality assurance
 - teacher/staff development and training
- The colleges have funding to undertake return visits to inform Start-Up partnership proposals
- A group of principals from the second phase are forming a consortium to take forward ideas around: Quality improvement, teacher training, national occupational standards and exchanges

International skills partnerships

- ***Pre-commercial, mutually beneficial*** partnerships facilitated and evaluated by the British Council
- ***Consortia*** of organisations in the UK and counterparts overseas
- ***Exchange of knowledge and expertise***
- ***Pilot innovative*** approaches to furthering ***skills development and employability***
- ***Impact*** on an individual, institutional and national level

A flexible partnership model



Forthcoming opportunities

Morocco and Tunisia Foundation Partnerships

Announcement: 16 January

Deadline for Travel Grant applications: 31 January

Deadline for proposals: 14 March

Assessment panel: 19 March

China Start-up Partnerships

On-going assessment of proposals

Future calls

New consolidated process

Further information on international skills partnerships

www.britishcouncil.org/learning-skills-for-employability-project-skills-partnerships-2.htm

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Services for International Marketing (SIEM)

- Supports UK Education institutions in their international work- free and paid for services
- Operates in 51 countries
- Provides services for international student recruitment, market intelligence, and supports partnership working overseas

<https://siem.britishcouncil.org/>

SIEM updates and further information

- New education intelligence reports: Hong Kong, India
- Education UK schools and colleges exhibition in Azerbaijan, April 2014
- Updated market news on skills needs in Vietnam
- New British Council database of trained agents

<http://www.bcagent.info/gal/>

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