

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON  
NEXT GENERATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS

# AGENDA

**Monday, March 8, 2010**

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Wilson
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Roger Sampson, Education Commission of the States, and Michael Casserly, Council of Great City Schools	Constitution Ballroom
8:45 – 9:30 a.m.	<i>Session 1</i> Keynote by Thomas Friedman: <i>Educational Urgency in a Flat World</i>	Constitution Ballroom
9:30 – 12:15 p.m.	<i>Session 2</i> Introduction of Virginia Edwards, Editor, Education Week as Conference Moderator	Constitution Ballroom
<b>Presentation of Four Assessment System Models</b>		
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	A. Linda Darling-Hammond and Ray Pecheone, Stanford University	
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
11:00-12:15 p.m.	B. Marc Tucker, National Center on Education and the Economy  C. Steve Lazer, Educational Testing Service	
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch      Boxed lunches provided	Constitution Foyer
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	<i>Session 2, continued</i> D. Larry Berger, Wireless Generation and Lauren Resnick, University of Pittsburgh	Constitution Ballroom
2:00 – 4:20 p.m.	<i>Session 3</i> Breakout sessions with Model Authors and Measurement Experts <i>Session 3A</i> 2:30 – 3:20 Attend one of four breakout sessions <i>Session 3B</i> 3:30 – 4:20 Attend one of four breakout sessions	<i>Room assignments to be made during the preceding plenary</i>
4:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<i>Session 4</i> Synthesis of Emerging Themes: Identifying Commonalities and Key Differences Virginia Edwards, Moderator	Constitution Ballroom

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**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Wilson
8:30 – 8:40 a.m.	Welcome and introduction of Panel Members: Roger Sampson and Michael Casserly	Constitution Ballroom
8:40 – 10:00 a.m.	<p><i>Session 5</i> Framing the Opportunity Ahead: Identification of Key Policy Objectives: Virginia Edwards, Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chester E. Finn, Jr., Fordham Foundation</li> <li>• Governor Roy Romer</li> <li>• Jon Schnur, New Leaders for New Schools</li> </ul>	Constitution Ballroom
	<p><i>Session 6</i> Introduction: Identifying Core Design Features of Future Assessment Systems Mitchell Chester, Massachusetts Commissioner</p>	Constitution Ballroom
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:15 – 12:00 p.m.	<p><i>Session 6, continued</i></p> <p>Five topical break-outs will each begin with a panel of national measurement experts and leading practitioners who will discuss their recommendations for core design features of future systems. Then each breakout room will develop recommendations to bring back to the larger group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessing Rigorous Standards, Complex Skills</li> <li>• Measuring Individual Growth</li> <li>• Determining Teacher Effectiveness</li> <li>• Informing Instruction</li> <li>• Informing Leadership</li> </ul>	Cabin John ● Wilson ● Indep. G ● Indep. I ● Conf. Theater ●
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Luncheon <i>Session 7</i></p> <p>Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Roger Sampson and Michael Casserly</p> <p>Keynote Address by Andreas Schleicher: <i>Lessons Learned Internationally and the Future of Testing</i></p>	Independence A
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Break	
1:45 – 3:15 p.m.	<p><i>Session 8</i> Synthesis and Prioritization of Design Features, of ESEA implications, and of future R&amp;D agenda to ensure capacity for new systems to facilitate break-through performance at each level of the system: Virginia Edwards, Moderator</p>	Constitution Ballroom
3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	<p><i>Session 9</i> Closing Panel. Roger Sampson, ECS, Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban District Superintendent, TBA</li> <li>• State Chief, TBA</li> <li>• National Policymaker, TBA</li> </ul>	Constitution Ballroom
4:00 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>	