

CONFERENCE GUIDEBOOK

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Agenda



Asha for Education
Bringing hope through education

Please vote on topics for breakout session

Agenda: Day 1
Saturday, March 26, 2022

Time	Topic	Details
6.30 AM - 7.30 AM	Setup	By Volunteers
7.30 AM - 8.00 AM	Breakfast	In Atrium
8.00 AM - 9.00 AM	Welcome Address + Plenary Talk: Simantini Dhuru and Ratna Pathak Shah	Overlap with India/Europe
9.00 AM - 10.00 AM	Panel Discussion: Reviving Education post COVID-19	Overlap with India/Europe
10.00 AM - 11.00 AM	Internal Discussion: Asha's Vision, Mission, Goals + Growth	Overlap with India/Europe
11.00 AM - 12.30 PM	Breakout Session with Europe Chapters	Overlap with Europe
12.30 PM - 1.20 PM	Lunch	In Atrium
1.25 PM - 1.40 PM	New Age Learning with Asha Mumbai: Prof. Jitendra	
1.45 PM - 3.00 PM	Chapter Presentations	
3.00 PM - 4.00 PM	Breakout Session for Ballot Conversations	
4.00 PM - 5.00 PM	Fundraising, Outreach Teams Presentation	
5.00 PM - 5.30 PM	Asha Coordination Teams Discussion with Q&A	





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Agenda: Day 2

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Time	Topic	Details
6.30 AM - 7.30 AM	Setup	By Volunteers
7.30 AM - 8.00 AM	Breakfast	In Atrium
8.00 AM - 8.45 AM	Plenary Talk on Education Equality: TM Krishna	Overlap with India/Europe
9.00 AM - 10.30 AM	Internal Discussion: Collaborations, Learnings and Ideas Across Chapters	Overlap with India/Europe
10.30 AM - 11.00 AM	Celebration of 30 years of Asha	Overlap with India/Europe
11.30 AM - 12.30 PM	Project Partner Presentation: Sankar Haldar from Mukti	Overlap with Europe
12.30 PM - 1.30 PM	Lunch	In Atrium
1.30 PM - 2.00 PM	Project Discussion	
2.00 PM - 3.00 PM	Breakout Session for Ballot Conversations	
3.00 PM - 4.00 PM	Debrief	Local to USA
4.00 PM - 5.00 PM	Networking Session/Workshop	
5.00 PM - 5.30 PM	Closing Remarks	

Local Transportation

Please peruse this document if you would like to coordinate with other Asha volunteers for transportation.

- Marta: Marta is the local transit option in Atlanta which includes trains and buses.
    - **Train**: The train station and schedule can be found here on the Marta website. The stations that will be the most relevant to us include
        - **Airport**: This is the starting station for the red and gold lines. You can use any of the two lines if you intend to come to GT campus.
        - **Midtown**: This station is on red and gold lines and drops you close to Tech Square which is in the NE part of the campus. This is also close to other hotels, including Hotel Indigo.
            - One can then either take a cab or wait for a GT shuttle (Tech Trolley) to take you to the campus.
            - Tech Trolley frequency over weekends is about once every 20-30 mins.
        - **North Avenue**: This is an alternative close to the SE part of the campus.
            - Note that Hotel Indigo is about 0.2 miles or a 4-min walk from here
            - One can then take a cab to come to the campus as Tech Trolley does not service this location.
        - Depending on where your hotel/Airbnb is, you might want to possibly look at Lindhberg, Buckhead, and Arts Center stations as well.
    - Bus: Transportation using the Marta bus is generally good for the last mile connectivity. Details can be found here.
- **Georgia Tech Shuttles**: GT runs shuttles (Stinger bus) that connect different parts of the campus. If you are staying close to the campus, you can possibly use this means of transport to travel between your hotel and the conference location.
    - You can either download the app "Passio Go" for routes and live tracking of the buses, or go to this website for routes. The route that will be most useful is the **Tech Trolley.**
    - The stops closest to the conference location are **Cherry Emerson, Nanotechnology, and Kendeda Building.**
- **Electric Scooters** like Helbiz, Veo, Spin, and Bird for cheap small distance alternatives to Uber and Lyft. Note that these cannot be used between 9pm-4am. An important point to note is that some of the areas are geofenced where you either cannot ride, or park. Before availing the facility, do make sure that your destination is not geofenced. Lastly, please be careful while riding these.
- Relay Bike Share: You can get a bike/cycle by downloading the app. It costs $3.5 per 30 mins of ride. This bike sharing service is docked, i.e. the pickup and drop-off locations are specific and the bike must be parked at one of these locations to end the ride.

Parking Near Campus

There are numerous visitor parking options available around the campus. The list of all the locations can be found here.

The visitor parking locations that are closest to the conference venue are:

- Visitor Area 5: North Campus Parking Deck (W23): $2/hour ($15 max, $20 for lost ticket)
- Home Park: Free street-side weekend parking is available in Home Park and is walking distance from the venue.
- Visitor Area 4: Ferst Dr and State St: $2/hour (4 hrs max, ParkMobile App Zone: 8629).
- If these two parking lots are full (unlikely), please park at 5th and Spring St and take a tech trolley to reach the conference location: $2/hour (ParkMobile App Zone: 8641).
- For the rest of the parking locations in the campus, please go to this website.

Things to do in Atlanta

There are a variety of fun things to explore in Atlanta during your stay here. Some options sorted by distance from GT campus are listed below:

Name	Description	Distance (in miles)
Fox Theatre	Get ready to feel like a movie star when visiting Fox Theatre. Musicals, dance performances, and nationally renowned acts await guests at the end of the red carpet walk. No show scheduled? You can take a tour and learn the fascinating history of this Atlanta icon.	1.1
Atlantic Station	Shopping Center in Midtown that includes multiple restaurants, a movie theatre, and a bowling alley.	1.5
Centennial Olympic Park	Pay homage to Atlanta's Olympic legacy, take a selfie with the Olympic rings, splash around in the Fountain of Rings, enjoy a nice picnic, or play on the lush green space with Downtown views in every direction. Many of Atlanta's top attractions, restaurants, and venues are only steps away.	1.5
Georgia Aquarium	The Georgia Aquarium is something you should "sea" to believe. Stare in awe at the sheer variety of marine life on display, peek at puffins and penguins or feed the dolphins after their spectacular show. Don't miss the opportunity to check swimming with whale sharks off your bucket list.	1.6
World of Coke	The World of Coca-Cola is a museum, located in Downtown Atlanta. Get a chance to view the history of Coca-Cola and taste different Coca-Cola products from around the world.	1.6
National Center for Civil and Human Rights	Connect the American civil rights movement to current human rights issues through moving, experiential exhibits at The National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Interact with history to understand your role in the dream and the future. The Georgia Aquarium, World of Coke, and the National Center are located right next to	1.6

	each other in Downtown.	
SkyView Atlanta	Ride a SkyView Atlanta Ferris wheel to experience the city from 20 stories up. It's a thrilling view during the day and a breathtaking sight at night. You'll see everything from Stone Mountain Park to Midtown's Georgia Tech campus.	1.7
High Museum of Atlanta	Located in Midtown. You will find more than 17,000 works including 19th-century art and a growing collection of contemporary pieces inside the leading art museum in the Southeast. Bring your friends or family for special exhibits and events plus the permanent collections at the High Museum of Art.	1.7
Piedmont Park / Beltline	Truly experience The City in the Forest with a walk or bike ride through Piedmont Park, home to Atlanta Botanical Garden and Lake Clara Meer. The Beltine (right across from Piedmont Park) is a great pathway for biking (you can rent bikes there) or going for a stroll. It connects multiple restaurants and you can view wonderful street art along the way.	1.9
Atlanta Botanical Garden	Nestled in the northern corner of Piedmont Park, Atlanta Botanical Garden spreads its roots across more than 30 acres. Explore the lush green garden when it is lit up for special events, blooms during seasonal activities, and harvests a spooky spectacle or two.	2.0
Jackson Street Bridge	One of the best views of the Atlanta skyline. Best to visit at night.	3.1
Martin Luther King Jr, Natural History Park	Visit the birth home of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and see where he preached at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Explore his legacy at The King Center established by Coretta Scott King as well as their final resting place. See Dr. King's Nobel Peace Prize and the key to his room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis	3.2
Historic Oakland Cemetery	Historic Oakland Cemetery is alive and kicking. The infamous scenic resting place for more than 70,000 residents includes Atlanta legends such as author Margaret Mitchell, professional golfer	4.4

	Bobby Jones and Atlanta's first African-American mayor, Maynard Jackson. The cemetery also frequently hosts events including Halloween Tours, regular weekend tours, and a Harvest Hunt.	
Zoo Atlanta	The Zoo Atlanta is home to a wide variety of animals ranging from elephants, giraffes, zebras, Southern white rhinos, and more. You'll also see the only giant panda twins, Ya Lun and Xi Lun, in the U.S. plus many more animal exhibits.	5.4
Fernbank Museum	Get up close and personal with the dinosaurs at Fernbank Museum of Natural History. This museum is very similar to other Natural History Museums (like NYC) and is an adventure for all who dare and takes travelers back in time to see giant creatures of the Mesozoic – including one that measures more than 120 feet long.	6.4
Porsche Experience Center	Push yourself to the limit at Porsche Experience Center, specially designed to exhibit elegance and engineering under the hood while testing you on and off the tracks. Once you feel the power from the driver's seat, be sure to refuel with fine dining at Restaurant 356.	10.7

For a more comprehensive list, see here

Restaurants in Atlanta

Here's a selection of some of the best restaurants to try during your stay here:

- **Indian:** Madras Mantra, Chat Patti, Madras Chettinad, Masti, Botiwalla, Chai Paani, Tabla, Aamar Indian Cuisine, Zyka, Jai Ho, Curry Up Now, NaanStop
- **Asian (except Indian):** Little Bangkok, Momonoki, 26 Thai, Food Terminal, Satto Thai, Good Harvest (Chinese), Sri Thai Kitchen and Sushi Bar, Canton Cooks
- **European:** Cafe Intermezzo, Antico's Pizza, Gio's Chicken Amalfitano, Bread and Butterfly, Fellini's Pizza, Varuni Napoli
- **American:** Atlanta Breakfast Club, Silver Skillet, The Vortex, The Red Eyed Mule, The Breakfast Boys, The Nook
- **Mexican:** Nuevo Laredo, Mezcalito's, Velvet Taco, Bar Taco, Casa Grande, Zocalo

Accommodation

For the conference attendees who would prefer to stay in single/double occupancy rooms in hotels, we have listed down some of the hotels near campus.

You can avail limited discount rates at Hotel Indigo, Midtown which is close to the campus venue. Please use the following link to avail the rooms at a price of **$253.16 for 2 nights on a double (or single) occupancy basis ONLY UNTIL MARCH 14. Limited rooms available to students for free:**

If you would like to avail this,

1. **Please add your name to the accommodation sign up form so we can send further communication:**

   https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HuBbZY9C8F_6JKCQ8cU4QedJPkI98YFpB2SnBvcbfRs/edit?usp=sharing

2. **Use this link before March 14 to reserve your room at a discounted rate.** In case you're interested in a double occupancy room, first take a look at the sign-up form ^
   https://www.hotelindigo.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=IN&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=ATLFX&_PMID=99801505&GPC=AE1&cn=no&viewfullsite=true

Other hotels:

	Description	Price
1	Crown Plaza - luxury rooms in Midtown	$200+ per night
2	Hotel Indigo - Midtown	$130+ per night
3	Hilton Atlanta - Downtown	$110+ per night
4	Motel 6 - Midtown	$110+ per night
5	Downtown Atlanta Condo	$110+ per night
6	Apartment in Midtown	$150 per night
7	Artmore Hotel	$95+ per night

We have listed a few accommodation options. Most of them are close to campus. The Airbnb options listed below are the affordable shared housing that can be booked as a group.

	Description	Price
1	Airbnb near campus - UNAVAILABLE NOW	$97+ per night
2	Airbnb near Fox Theatre - 5 guests	$95+ per night
3	Airbnb near Mercedes Benz - 2 guests	$46+ per night
4	Airbnb near Buckhead - 4 guests	$85+ per night
5	Airbnb in Home Park - 2 guests	$70+ per night
6	Airbnb on Peachtree St - 3 guests	$97+ per night
7	Airbnb in Home Park - 3 guests	$75+ per night
8	Airbnb in Home Park - 2 guests	$70+ per night
9	Airbnb near Home Park - 4 guests	$115+ per night
10	Airbnb close to Berkeley park - 4 guests	$96+ per night