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TESOL TO HOLD EDUCATIONAL EVENTS IN CAMEROON, BRAZIL, AND CHINA

Alexandria, VA (30 July 2013) — [TESOL International Association](#) will be holding three international events for English language educators, administrators, policy makers, and researchers this year. The events will take place in [Yaoundé, Cameroon](#); [São Paulo, Brazil](#); and [Guangzhou, China](#). Each event is a one-to-two-day regional program held in collaboration with a TESOL affiliate, and all provide participants a unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with leading experts in the field on a specific topic or issue.

The acronym TESOL stands for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, a professional association for English language educators engaged in the field of English as a second or foreign language.

“As an international community, it is important for us to advance the field and address the needs of English language learners and professionals worldwide through events like these,” noted TESOL Executive Director Rosa Aronson.

The symposium in [Yaoundé, Cameroon](#), will be held 12 August at [Université Catholique d’Afrique Centrale UCCAS—Ekounou Yaounde](#) prior to the 2013 [CAMELTA](#) Conference. TESOL has worked closely with the Cameroon English Language and Literature Teachers Association (CAMELTA) to provide a rich program focusing on K–12 teacher development and training.

The symposium will address how teacher trainers can most effectively prepare the next generation of teachers, how working teachers at all levels can improve their English language proficiency, and how K–12 teachers can improve their practice through enhanced professionalism, peer-to-peer learning and networking, and ongoing professional development.

TESOL gratefully acknowledges CAMELTA, the Charles W. Seifert Fund, and the Office of English Language Programs at the U.S. Department of State for their support of the Cameroon symposium.

On 27–28 September 2013, TESOL will go to the [Universidade Metodista de São Paulo](#) in [São Paulo, Brazil](#), for the international academy [“English for Specific Purposes”](#) (ESP).

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Organized by TESOL, in partnership with its Brazil affiliate [BRAZ-TESOL](#) and the [São Paulo State Association of Teachers of English](#) (APLIESP), this academy combines lively plenary sessions and knowledge-sharing opportunities with hands-on workshop training.

Workshop topics include ESP curriculum development, teaching business English, ESP assessment and program delivery, English in the hospitality industry, English for job hunters, and much more.

TESOL gratefully acknowledges the support of its strategic partner, [National Geographic Learning](#), as well as the support of the Office of English Language Programs at the U.S. Department of State for the Brazil academy.

The symposium in [Guangzhou, China](#), will be held 15–16 November at [Guangdong University of Foreign Studies](#), and will focus on envisioning and creating the future for English language teaching and learning.

Together with Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, TESOL has compiled a comprehensive program focused on English language teaching (ELT) in China. Participants will consider what constitutes effective practice, especially in China, given today's rapid pace of change; how they can rethink ELT to ensure its relevance and effectiveness in meeting student's needs; and how ELT professionals can work together more effectively to implement change and provide support for both teachers and students.

TESOL gratefully acknowledges the support of its strategic partner, National Geographic Learning; its event partner, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies; and the Office of English Language Programs at the U.S. Department of State for the China symposium.

“These events are made possible thanks to the hard work, dedication, and support of our regional and international partners,” said Dr. Aronson. “By bringing together international, regional, and national experts, events like these will provide participants with practical, research-based ideas, strategies, and tools to help them improve their ELT work.”

About TESOL International Association

Founded in 1966, [TESOL International Association](#) is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 13,000 members representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

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