Prof. Ganesan Kannabiran
Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council, India

Prof. Kannabiran is currently leading major reforms in accreditation as part of implementation of National Education Policy. It involves accreditation of 1200 universities and 45,000 colleges through Basic accreditation and Maturity-Based Graded Levels. In addition, he is spearheading the strategic initiatives of NAAC including research for policy making, internationalization and social responsibility.

Dr. Kannabiran has served as Dean of Research & Consultancy and Director of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli India. He has also served as the Director of Indian Institute of Information Technology Sri City India. He has made significant contributions in areas including higher education quality, skill development, holistic education, inclusive education, innovation & entrepreneurship, societal engagements, etc.

Dr. Kannabiran is a recipient of Commonwealth Professional Fellowship, Fulbright Fellowships, and British Council Study Fellowship. He has carried out several bi-national engagements and collaborated in the field of higher education including leadership development, quality assurance, productivity and others. He has guided 10 PhD students and published more than 70 scholarly outputs. He has carried out several projects with funding from national and international agencies for a value of about $ 1Million in areas such as computer-based learning, Industry 4.0, graduate employability, innovation & entrepreneurship, etc.

Dr. Kannabiran is a member of the Academic Advisory Committee of PMI India, Computer Society of India and Indian Society for Training and Development. He holds PhD in MIS along with Masters Degrees in Computer Science & Engineering, Business Administration and Mathematics.