



Youth & Work: A Common Foundation for Curriculum Development

Optional Pre-Conference Workshop
Presented by Education Development Center
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10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenters:

- **Ms. Emily Morris**, Project Director, Education Development Center (USA)
- **Ms. Nancy Meaker**, International Program Coordinator, Education Development Center (USA)
- **Ms. Elizabeth Miller Pittman**, Associate Project Director, Education Development Center (USA)

Session Description:

A well designed, locally relevant curriculum is one of the essential keys to successful implementation of work readiness programs. You will be introduced to research-based principles and best practices in non-formal education by being oriented to the process of curriculum development and adaptation. This session will focus on the use of practical tools, including EDC's Work Readiness Curriculum Framework and Guidelines for Adapting Curriculum. Facilitators will explain the methodology behind interactive audio instruction and interactive cellular technology for financial literacy and entrepreneurship. This hands-on workshop will allow you to begin the process of creating a training program relevant to youth you work with.

Presenter Bios:

Scott Frick

Mr. Scott Frick is a Technical Associate with Education Development Center (EDC). His expertise in youth livelihoods and education includes work on the Somali Youth Livelihood Program (SYLP) developing Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship audio programs and interactive educational cellular content, with USAID's EQUIP3 & Global Workforce in Transition (GWIT) mechanisms, the Google Foundation's *Believe Begin Become* entrepreneurship program with TechnoServe in Ghana, and a youth entrepreneurship radio pilot with EDC in Kenya. Mr. Frick's areas of particular expertise include educational radio scriptwriting and production oversight, financial literacy and entrepreneurship education, curriculum design/revision, and classroom instruction.

Nancy Meaker

Ms. Nancy Meaker is an International Program Coordinator at Education Development Center (EDC) where she supports USAID-funded youth projects. Ms. Meaker was the lead coordinator and author of the G-Youth Work Readiness curriculum for Kenyan youth and has co-designed a tolerance building curriculum for Palestinian youth. She has also written life skills curriculum for youth in Afghanistan. She has delivered training to young people and trainers in the areas of youth leadership and life skills. She manages *Preparing for Work* (www.preparing4work.org), a website that features peer reviewed work readiness curricula from around the world and guidance for work readiness programs developers.

Elizabeth Miller Pittman

Ms. Elizabeth Miller Pittman has worked with Education Development Center (EDC) for the past six years, focusing on community participation in formal and nonformal education, and work readiness/skills development programs for youth. With a background in training and nonformal education, she has extensive experience in curriculum development and training. Ms. Miller Pittman has provided work readiness technical assistance to numerous youth projects in different contexts, including in the Philippines, Rwanda, Mali, and East Timor. Her work has focused on developing work readiness curriculum for out-of-school youth and helping to build the capacity of local partner organizations in its implementation.