

What should be the immediate priorities for a modern skill development effort in the OECS?

Identify key strategies to achieve these priorities.

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Immediate Priorities ... Modern Skill Development

Priorities

- Development of metacognitive, critical thinking, problem solving competencies;
- Adequate resources/equipment/facilities/materials

Strategies

- Incentives to encourage teachers to improve their qualification and competence through education and training (this includes teaching, learning, and assessment)
- Budgeting and procuring moneys /funds from local, regional, and international agencies

Immediate Priorities ... Modern Skill Development

Priorities

- Curriculum development:
Aligning the curriculum with the developmental (social & economic) needs of the country
- Promote professionalism

Strategies

- Establish links in order to collaborate and develop curriculum with institutions in the community (businesses, colleges, employers, parents)
- Partnership programs
- Infuse values education into the curriculum

Immediate Priorities ... Modern Skill Development

Priorities

- Foster parity / Avoid the ***dumping ground*** syndrome
- Philosophy and theoretical foundation

Strategies

- Educate every body and create parallel pathways for individual student education and training
- Rebrand

State clear philosophy, theories, goals etc to guide curriculum design, development, delivery, assessment & evaluation