

# IMPROVING RELEVANCE AND QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN THE OECS CURRICULUM AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

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**Day 2 Summary**

**Wednesday May 11, 2011**

# Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment - CXC Perspective

- Identifying the “Ideal Caribbean (World) Citizen”
- Identifying the ideal learning environment
- The holistic approach to Syllabus development
- Five principles of Assessment
  - Distributed, Synoptic, Extensive, Manageable & Trusted
- CXC System of Examinations (CSEC & CAPE)
  - Validity & Reliability (30 years experience)
  - Grading & Profiling
- Innovations (CPEA)

# Globalization, Changing Skills and How Education Systems Have Adapted

- Changes in the global environment and in technology
- Changes in skills influencing changes in the training system – skills classification
- World Models of the TVET system Korea, Norway, Finland, Denmark, USA, UK
- Changes in OECS Economies influencing changes in Skill demands
- The OECS – Implications for Changes in the OECS Education & Training system

# Skills Development – The Singapore Experience

- Vision of the Singapore Ministry of Education
- Ranks in top in International Educational Assessment (TIMSS)
- Three corners of Education
  - English, Mathematics, Science
- Factors to success
  - Strong curriculum
  - Well equipped schools facilities & technology
  - Competent teachers
- Concrete, Pictorial Abstract (CPA)
- $5 \times 14 = 25$

# Reforming Technical Education Curriculum - CXC

- Challenge of preparing with today's technology for tomorrow
- Convergence vs. Harmonization
- CXC TVET Policy Framework Document
  - Governance and Management Structures
  - Standards & Curriculum Development
  - Assessment
  - Capacity Building/Pedagogy
  - Relationships and Partnerships
- Regional Certification Framework for TVET

# UNESCO TVET Programme

- Global Framework resulting from UNESCO's interventions in education & skills training
- UNESCO partners in TVET
- UNESCO Strategy for TVET
  - Policy Review Advice & Development
  - Collaboration in Monitoring
  - Information Clearing House
- Present UNESCO TVET Activities
  - Policy development, Reform, & related challenges
- UNESCO future Plans
  - Policy Review & Development in Caribbean
  - Caribbean Regional Conference in TVET 2012
  - Support to OECS TVET/Education Development
  - Linking to the Community of UNEVOC Centres

# Skill Development Model for OECS

- Current Status of Education in OECS
- Seven Issues to be addressed by Educational change
  - Relevance, Preparedness, Entry level skills, Management & Financing, Existing strengths, National Identity, Regional Collaboration.
- Strategic Recommendations for TVET:
  - Curricular Options
  - Institutional Options
  - Capacity Building Agenda
  - Collaboration Agenda
  - Reform Agenda

# Recommendations (1)

1. What are the key "Take-Away" messages from this workshop in relation to Skill Development in the OECS? Which of these should be incorporated in the OECS Education Strategy?
  - **Eleven Guidelines for TVET/Skill Development in the OECS**
  - **ALL statements to be incorporated in OECS Strategy**



# Recommendations (2)

2. What are the Skill Development challenges for the OECS? What should be the policy responses to address each of these challenges? What are the likely bottlenecks to implementation?
  - Six Challenges for OECS TVET Development
  - Eleven Policy responses

# Recommendations (3)

3. What should be the immediate priorities for a modern skill development effort in the OECS?  
Identify key strategies to achieve these priorities?
  - **Five Priorities with eight supporting Strategies**

# Recommendations (4)

4. What should be the goal for skills development in the OECS? What should be the policies and guiding principles to achieve this goal? How should progress be monitored?
  - **Goal - Contribute to the development of the Ideal Caribbean Person**
  - **Sub-regional & Regional TVET Policy Documents & the TVET Policy Documents of International Agencies**
  - **Monitoring at All four levels of the system**

# The Beginning



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