Upskilling and reskilling: Strategies for the professional development of basic skills teachers and facilitators

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## Introduction

According to the World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs report (2020) more than half of employees throughout all sectors will need major upskilling, to meet the changing trends of job processes, retain employment, and eligibility for growth and promotions.

Is this true for the Education sector – Formal and non-formal?

## Upskilling and Reskilling



- Focuses on performance improvement and effectiveness in one's role
- Preparing for a new role, different job, new field
- Skills and competences for new tool or processes

## The Why?





Knowledge of the content area being taught - CONTENT

Components of teacher and facilitator professional development



Use of appropriate strategies to meet learning and other needs -PRACTICE



Ethical standards and an understanding of self and how We interact with others - AFFECTIVE





## **Technical Skills**

## Soft Skills

## **Skills Relevant to the Education Sector**

## Skills Relevant to the Teaching and Learning Context

#### **Technical Skills**

#### <u>Soft Skills</u>

Curriculum Development Technology Integration Assessment Techniques Competencies related to online and remote learning Instructional Leadership Decision Making Communication Problem solving Decision making Time Management Organizational Skills Working collaboratively Impact of Upskilling and Reskilling on the Workforce (Basic Skills trainers and facilitators)



Enhance professionalism of teachers and facilitators

Improve the quality of the learning outcomes.

## Theories of Learning Undergirding Upskilling and Reskilling



Lifelong Learning (Torres, 2004)

Self-Directed Learning (Knowles, 1986; tough, 1971) Experiential Learning (Kolb, 2015)

## Methods of Upskilling/Reskilling

#### Self-Directed Learning

Reading Podcast YouTube Videos Website/Onine learning MOOCS Managers helping employees to build skills needed

Coaching Mentoring Collaborative learning **Training Sessions** 

Context Specific training Workshops Seminars Conferences Online Training Hands on Experience

# Opportunities for Upskilling and Reskilling in ALE

 <u>https://uil.unesco.org/adult-education/just-published-</u> <u>curriculum-globale-competency-framework-adult-</u> <u>educators</u>

- Remember that upskilling and reskilling should be seen as an ongoing process rather than a onetime event.
- By investing in the professional growth of trainers and facilitators you can enrich the sector and improve the quality of care and education provided to youth and adults.

### **Final Comments**



## Thank You