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Digital Workforce Development

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Leveraging innovative digital and distance-learning technologies to build a 21st Century Workforce

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Project Progress Report

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Background

- Jobs increasingly require new and innovative digital skills and competencies.
- However, more career and technical education (CTE) in critical skills and providers are needed.
- Otherwise, there are barriers to gainful employment and an efficient workforce.



APEC Digital Workforce Development Project

- The Digital Workforce Development (DWD) project will share successful practices in CTE delivered via digital or distance-learning.
- The project seeks to increase access for all, especially women and girls, those in rural or remote areas, and other underserved students.



APEC Digital Workforce Development Project

- The DWD project focuses on:
 - CTE delivered digitally or through distance learning
 - CTE that offers digital, technological, and other innovative skills, and
 - CTE that benefits from public, private, and nonprofit partnerships.



DWD Project Objectives

1. To survey the field in terms of examples of digital CTE across APEC, and
2. To develop a guide to promising practices and design principles from that research to raise awareness about digital CTE in APEC economies and improve capacity in their workforce development policies.



Project Milestones

- A series of webinars to discuss issues and share successful examples across participating economies of digital or distance-learning TVET.
- A workshop that brings together experts from public, private, and nonprofit sectors to showcase digital TVET models.
- A paper that highlights best practices and research from participating economies.



DWD Webinar Series

- Webinars will share information about the project and offer participating economies to share practices and information.
- Three sessions planned between June and August 2018.
- USA encourages speakers and examples from participating economies.



DWD Workshop

- The workshop will gather experts in CTE and digital or distance learning practices from across the Asia-Pacific region.
- Seeking balance of participants and speakers by economy, field of expertise, and gender.
- Two-day meeting tentatively scheduled for late October.
 - *Travel support approved for participants from travel-eligible economies – thanks APEC!*



DWD Paper on Promising Practices and Design Principles

- Initial research and scans of practice in the field have already begun.
- These findings will highlight practices that show results, from the economy level to the individual.
- As the research proceeds, it will both inform the planning for the webinars and workshop, and the final draft will in turn incorporate results of those events.



Invitation to Participation

- We would love to have your economies' participation in the webinar, workshop, and paper.
- Please contact the project team for more information or to get involved.



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