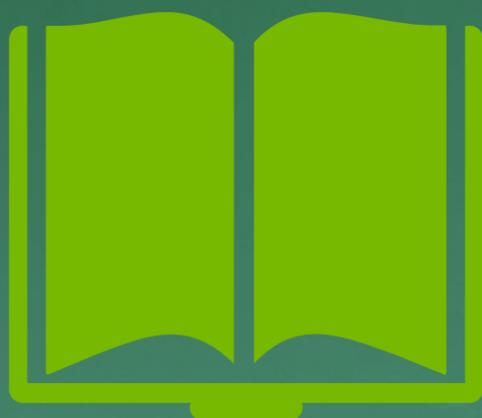


NEDIS 2017

NIGERIAN EDUCATION INNOVATION SUMMIT

A BRIEF REPORT

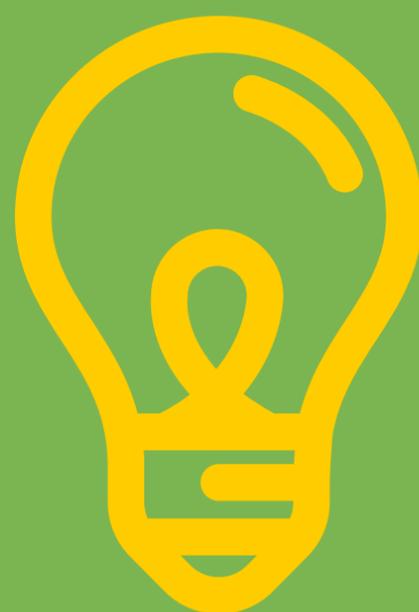
CHALLENGING REALITIES



At least 10 million children in Nigeria are not able to access education. On average, only 1 in 4 learners passes the senior school leaving examination indicating that those who are able to access education typically learn little. Furthermore, the youth unemployment rate has soared to 21.5%, suggesting that even those that complete at least 9 years of schooling are barred from sustainable livelihoods.

INNOVATION IN EDUCATION CAN ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES

Several non-state education stakeholders in private organisations, development programmes and non-governmental organisations are designing and implementing innovative initiatives which are addressing many of the challenges currently being faced in the education sector. If these initiatives and projects are able to unequivocally demonstrate results and are systematically scaled, they possess the potential to transform education by providing access to quality education to many more children, improving teaching and learning, and enabling Nigeria's youth to access meaningful livelihoods.



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As part of its mandate to strengthen partnerships in the education sector, TEP Centre supports education innovators to achieve greater and more sustainable impact. The Nigerian Education Innovation Summit (NEDIS) serves as a platform to strengthen the design, implementation and scaling up of education innovations in Nigeria. On July 10 and 11, 2017, over 150 stakeholders from government, research and academia, development organisations and programmes, donor and other funding organisations, civil society organisations and a broad range of education innovators, gathered for two days of discourse focused on establishing pathways for strengthening the utilisation of evidence in policymaking, practice and citizen action.

The 3rd Nigerian Education Innovation Summit (NEDIS 2017) featured enlightening plenary discussions, engaging breakout discussion sessions, participatory workshops and a hilarious but thought-provoking drama skit. It also featured an exhibition of innovative products and services and enabled excellent networking among delegates. Virtual delegates actively engaged on social media via a web broadcast of the event, and on Twitter with the summit hashtag #NEDIS2017 trending on Twitter for the days of the summit.

KEY DISCUSSION AREAS

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EVIDENCE GENERATION



Data to Evidence: Education sector stakeholders need to move from the provision of information and data to the generation of evidence

Increased Rigour: Implementers are being tasked to strengthen capacity to carry out internal monitoring, and use more rigorous methods to evaluate their projects and programmes

Technology: There exist many opportunities to embed technology into projects in order to improve quality, enhance chances of successful scaling and leapfrogging, and to monitor project activities and results

Multi-stakeholder Engagement: Each sector has specialized expertise to offer and should be engaged with systematically.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Strategic Approach: Implementers of education innovations need to adopt more strategic approaches to how evidence is communicated, beginning with the end in mind, and focusing on brevity and simplicity in messaging

Cross-sectoral Learnings: There are several lessons to learn from the private and other sectors including communications design for clarity regarding messages, audiences and platforms

Affordability: Good communications need not be expensive; however expertise is required to build the capacity of education innovators and programme implementers. Cost sharing among organisations is a means of improving affordability whilst strengthening collaboration



COLLABORATION

The National Innovation Coalition on Education (NICE) exists as a platform for learning, sharing knowledge and skills and collaborative policy engagement. In the next year, emphasis will be placed on strengthening this coalition and continuing to provide opportunities for members to learn, share and collaborate, especially with regard to policy engagement. The overarching mandate of the collaboration is to systematically scale successfully tested education innovations so that their impact reaches millions more children across the country.



COMMITMENTS

At the conclusion of NEDIS 2017, several commitments were made by delegates wishing to contribute to the strengthening of NICE. Such commitments varied from offers of technical capacity development, to knowledge and resource contributions, and social media support.

These commitments underscore the reality that there is shared interest in strengthening education innovations so that evidence better informs policy and action in Nigeria.



If your organization/institution would like more information about NICE or is interested in joining this coalition, please send an email inquiry to nedis@tepcentre.com.