

Global Career Education Forum Brief

November 4th - 7th, 2024



Context

The Global Career Education Forum was a milestone for the [Global Career Education Network \(GCEN\)](#), uniting members in person for the first time to strengthen connections and advance a shared mission of expanding equitable access to career readiness education.

Over four days, participants engaged in workshops and discussions on scaling impact through government engagement, leveraging metrics, and building strong employer partnerships. Localized insights, including government strategies and school-level implementation, offered practical examples to guide future efforts.

Key Insights From Sessions

- **Government Engagement to Scale Career Education**
Building trust and forming strategic partnerships with governments are critical steps for scaling and sustaining career readiness initiatives. Collaborating with governments ensures alignment with national priorities, secures necessary funding, and embeds programs into broader educational systems, fostering long-term sustainability. More [here](#).
- **The Role of Metrics in Driving Social Impact**
Robust measurement systems are a cornerstone of effective career education programs. By tracking progress and identifying areas for improvement, they enhance program delivery and inform strategic adjustments. Strong metrics provide compelling evidence of impact, which is essential for engaging key stakeholders and mobilizing support for scaling initiatives. More [here](#).
- **Employer Engagement For Impact**
Meaningful partnerships with employers offer students access to industry-relevant knowledge, hands-on learning opportunities, and exposure to diverse career pathways. By equipping students with the skills demanded by the job market, employer partnerships support transitions from education to employment. More [here](#).
- **Implementing Career Education at the School Level**
Beyond dedicated career education programs, integrating career readiness skills—such as collaboration, critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork—into the broader curriculum enriches students' academic experiences while building practical competencies. This holistic approach strengthens career preparedness, supporting students to thrive in future careers. See Langdon Park School presentation [here](#).

94%

of forum participants shared that the event met their expectations

99%

thought that the sessions were accessible and inclusive.

“Networking events like these are invaluable – they are food for the soul and a major boost at the operational level. We came back inspired, equipped with new ideas and tools, and feeling like part of a powerful community.”

— Katrina Zuchina, Impact Manager at Phineo



What We Heard From Participants

94%

of forum participants mentioned they established robust bonds with peers

87%

plan to apply an idea, knowledge or skills from the forum to their work

93%

of participants reported gaining new knowledge and ways to enhance impact

85%

thought the content was relevant to their work and the challenges they face

What's Coming Next

- **January 22nd Session** We'll kick off 2025 by creating a space to deepen our understanding of each other's work, celebrating successes and sharing priorities for the year ahead.
- **Monthly Sessions (February-June)** The topics, facilitators, and speakers for our upcoming sessions have been finalized, providing a robust lineup of learning opportunities.
- **Developing an External Engagement Plan** Work is underway to craft a strategy that highlights the network's value to key stakeholders, including targeted outreach efforts to promote the network's positioning and sustainability.
- **World Youth Skills Day 2025 (July 15)** A dedicated working group is being established to organize an online event celebrating World Youth Skills Day. This event will convene leading stakeholders in career education to foster collaboration and highlight key initiatives.
- **Case Studies** Finalize the terms of reference and launch case studies focused on student-centered activities and strengthening the career education ecosystem.



“Looking forward to continuing this journey of exchanging learnings and building stronger career readiness initiatives with this community, since it's always going to be greater than the sum of what each of us do individually for our students!”

— Swati Mohan, Jt. Executive Director
at Antarang Foundation & Teach For India Alumna

“ I leave inspired by the practices of my peers internationally, amazed by the strength of innovation in civil society, and more convinced than ever that collaboration is the key.”

— Dieynaba Sall, Regional Director ile de France at Article 1



Snapshots from the forum

