



Building an International Network for the Future Workforce of the Dominican Republic

AGENDA

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DAY 1

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016

Time	Description	Location
8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration	Sol de Oro
9:00 – 9:45 am	Opening Remarks José Mármol , President, EDUCA; Dr. Plácido Gómez Ramírez , Vice Minister of Higher Education, Science & Technology (MESCYT); James W. Brewster , U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Mistress of Ceremony: Oriana Izquierdo Moderator: Dr. Ann Mason ConnectDR Conference Welcome and Launch	Sol de Oro
9:45 -10:45 am	The Power of Collaboration Keynote Speaker: Javier Botero Álvarez , Senior Education Specialist for Latin America, World Bank Moderator: Dr. Ann Mason Javier Botero will discuss public-private partnerships for social impact through education.	Sol de Oro
10:45 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break	Sol de Oro
11:00 – 12:15 pm	The State of International Education Dr. Loraine Amell , Dean, Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE); Juan Ariel Jiménez , Vice Minister of the Presidency; Dr. Víctor Gómez-Valenzuela , Vice Chancellor, Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC) Moderator: Dr. Ann Mason The panel will discuss evolution and future trends of international education on a global and local level.	Sol de Oro
12:15 – 1:45 pm	Lunch: Lens of Laspau's Experience: 50 Years of International Education across Latin America Presenters: Colleen Silva and Ana Paola Cueva, Laspau Moderator: Dr. Ann Mason	Sol de Oro
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Snapshot of the Future Workforce Douglas Hasbún , Job Training Manager, Ministry of Labor; Ligia Bonetti , Vice President, Consejo Nacional de la Empresa Privada (CONEP); Mirna Eusebio Lithgow , Coordinator of Digital Education Subcommittee, American Chamber of Commerce; Isabel Estévez , President, ACERH Group Moderator: Dr. Ann Mason The private sector will present on the current and future demands of the Dominican workforce.	Sol de Oro
2:45 – 3:45 pm	International Education and Global Competitiveness Dr. Rafael Sánchez Cárdenas , Vice Minister of International Relations, MESCYT; Mercedes Muñoz , Academic Director, Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE); María Alexandra Borbón Díaz , Director, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM); Tamara Vásquez Sosa , Coordinator, Consejo Nacional de Competitividad Moderator: Dr. Ann Mason The panel will discuss how internationalization can improve workforce competitiveness in the country.	Sol de Oro
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Coffee Break	Sol de Oro
4:00 – 5:00 pm	ConnectDR: Making Connections Darwin Caraballo , Executive Director, EDUCA; Oriana Izquierdo , ConnectDR Coordinator, EDUCA Moderator: Colleen Silva, Program Manager for Academic Innovation, Laspau This session will provide an overview of the process to join ConnectDR.	Sol de Oro
5:00 pm	Networking Reception	Pool Area

DAY 2

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016

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8:00 – 8:15 am **The Big Picture: Summary and Reflections from Day One****Presenter:** Dr. Ann Mason8:15 – 9:45 am **Exchange Models with the United States****Jorge Huayhuaca**, Global Programs Director, Tompkins Cortland Community College; **Nidia Columna**, Education Specialist representing Western Michigan University; **Douglas Carvajal Sánchez**, Director, Universidad Iberoamericana; **María Corporán**, Vice Chancellor, Instituto Técnico Superior Comunitario**Moderator:** Ana Paola Cueva

This session will focus on successful models of academic exchange programs between the Dominican Republic and the United States.

9:45 -10:45 am **Funding, Opportunities and Resources**

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Lizzie Sánchez, Director, Fundación Brugal; **Laura Calventi**, Director, INICIA Educación; **Pamela Ogando Souffront**, Financial Officer, Organization of American States; **Natalia Perez del Castillo**, Scholarship Director, MESCYT**Moderator:** Dr. Ann Mason

This session will highlight successful initiatives funded by Dominican entities to support the development of the workforce through education.

10:45 – 11:00 am **Coffee Break**

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11:00 – 12:30 pm **Please select one session.****In-House Internationalization**

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Miguel Ángel Moreno, Training Director, Instituto Nacional de Formación y Capacitación del Magisterio (INAFOCAM); **Dr. Julio Sánchez Mariñez**, Rector, Instituto Superior de Formación Docente Salomé Ureña (ISFODOSU); **Ryan Larrauri**, Rector, Barna Business School; **Dr. Clara Benedicto**, General Director, Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD)**Moderator:** Dr. Ann Mason

This session will show you how can bring the world to your classroom and implement internationalization on campus.

Mobility Programs through Internships: Models with ROI

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Patricia Cuevas de Pittet, H.R. Director, ARS Universal; **Dr. Brian MacHarg**, Director of Academic Civic Engagement, Appalachian State University; **Molly Hamm**, Associate Director, DREAM Project**Moderator:** Colleen Silva

This session will present on the importance of international internships and programs at Dominican organizations and their return on investment (ROI).

12:30 – 2:00 pm **Lunch**

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2:00 – 3:00 pm **Please select one session.****Technology and Innovation Through International Education**

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Eladio Jiménez, Coordinator, Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales; **María Waleska Álvarez**, CEO, NAP del Caribe; **Juan Luis Lozada**, Regional Representative, Microsoft; **Chris Kaput**, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Impact Hub**Moderator:** Colleen Silva

The panel will share ideas to build STEM education and foster growth in the Dominican technology field.

Improving Metrics in International Exchange Data

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Letty Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Central Bank; **Madeline Bennett**, U.S. Embassy;**Moderator:** Ana Paola Cueva

This session will focus on streamlining the process of data collection on student mobility for accurate statistical reporting.

3:00 – 3:45 pm **Conclusion and Next Steps**

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Dr. Ann Mason, Principal Moderator; **Oriana Izquierdo**, EDUCA