

LENCD ASSEMBLY, 10-11 February 2011, KIGALI

WORKSHOP 2: Thursday 10 February 14:30-17:30

Rationalizing the CD knowledge architecture & LenCD's role and knowledge services

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This is a draft outline.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome as we are preparing for the workshop

Objective

This workshop will look at how organisations and individuals share information and knowledge about capacity development, and the role that LenCD can play in supporting these efforts. With a large number of organisations and networks working very actively on capacity development issues, the knowledge landscape is continually becoming richer and more complex. Staying on top of this rapidly expanding knowledge base is a challenge and an opportunity. How can we efficiently monitor, collect, store, retrieve, and use this diverse and growing range of information and knowledge? How can we reduce fragmentation and increase inter-connectedness? We will discuss current activities in knowledge management and how LenCD can help link existing sources of knowledge with people who need access to that knowledge.

Expected results

Agreements on how to rationalize the CD knowledge architecture among network partners, and recommendations for the LenCD workplan about the roles that LenCD should assume and the services it can provide.

Structure and dynamic

The first part of the workshop will aim to develop a better understanding of the current "landscape" of capacity development: the knowledge needs of the capacity development community and the services already available. A needs survey in January has been one of the inputs to this exercise. We will also ask all workshop attendees to introduce their organisations' activities in knowledge management. In the second part of the workshop, we will look for synergies among existing initiatives and gaps in current services, and discuss where LenCD might be able to support current efforts and fill needs that are not currently being addressed.

Key documents

(available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/lencdorg/kigali-assembly>)

- Survey report summary (1 page)
- Knowledge management ideas summary (1 page)

Additional background documents

(available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/lencdorg/kigali-assembly>)

- Opportunities for Rationalizing the Capacity Development Knowledge Architecture: Scoping Study, Jeff Kwaterski, June 2010
- Strategic planning survey report, January 2011

Draft workshop agenda

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Presenter/chair</i>
Morning plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of findings of the user needs survey. • Presentation and discussion of the existing knowledge architecture, including challenges and opportunities for interconnectedness, and of some ideas for knowledge management activities. 	Brian Jeff
14:30-15:30	<p>Introductions and overviews of activities: all participants are invited to briefly introduce themselves and their organisation's knowledge management activities</p> <p>Discussion: What information and knowledge do people working in capacity development need? What knowledge services are already available? How can we reduce fragmentation and increase inter-connectedness?</p>	Brian
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:45	<p>Divide into sub-groups to discuss the following three questions in parallel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What support can LenCD offer to knowledge management and networking initiatives that are already ongoing? • What knowledge-sharing and networking gaps could LenCD fill that are not currently being addressed? • Who are the individuals that participate in LenCD? Can we develop descriptions of typical LenCD participants and their needs? 	Alessandra Jeff Brian
16:45-17:30	Each of the three sub-groups reports back to the full group for discussion.	Brian