

The SKILLS Bridge Masterclass Series
Promoting Lifelong Learning (LLL) for the Future of Work

Concept Note

Revolutionizing Skill Development: India's Sector Skills Councils

Tuesday 28 May 2024 09:00–10:30 GMT/10:00–11:30 CEST(Geneva)/ 13:30- 15:00 IST



Registration link: [Click Here](#)

Webpage: [Episode 7: Revolutionizing Skill Development: India's Sector Skills Councils | International Labour Organization \(ilo.org\)](#)

Objectives

Sector skills Councils (SSC) play a crucial role in bridging the gap between skills demand and supply while promoting lifelong learning within a specific sector. These organizations bring together essential stakeholders, such as employers, workers' organizations, enterprises, and educational and training institutions, to identify and address the sector's skills needs, promoting innovation and investment in workforce development.

However, establishing and maintaining sector skills bodies can be challenging for many countries. This episode of the SKILLS Bridge Masterclass Series aims to delve into these challenges and explore the success factors for an effective sector skill council. The discussion will also draw upon the experiences of several countries. Specifically, this masterclass will deep dive into the transitioning of SSCs in India from purely government funded organisation to the one generating revenue, providing value added and diversified services.

The key topics that the webinar will address include:

- Identifying the primary challenges and enabling factors for ensuring the long-term sustainability and effectiveness of Sector Skills Bodies, with a particular focus on financing their operations.
- Providing policy guidance for countries planning to establish or strengthen their SSCs.

By examining these issues in-depth, the webinar seeks to offer valuable insights into improving the effectiveness and longevity of sector skills bodies in different contexts.

Audience

Anyone interested in improving skills and lifelong learning systems can join these Masterclasses. **There are no fees.**

Language

The working language of the webinar will be **English**.

Tentative Agenda

Time	
10:00 – 10:05 CET (13:30-13:35 IST)	Introduction By Dr. Ashwani Aggarwal, Workgroup Leader (Skills and Lifelong Learning Policy, Systems and Digitalization), ILO Geneva
10:05 – 10:15 CET (13:35-13:45 IST)	Key Note Address on “Transforming skills and lifelong learning in India” By Mr. Atul Kumar Tiwari Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, India
10:15 – 10:45 CET (13:45 – 14:15 IST)	Moderator: Dr. Ashwani Aggarwal Sector Skill Council in India: Presentation By Mr. Ved Mani Tiwari (CEO, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC); MD, NSDC International (NSDCI)) – 15 min Dialogue with the moderator (15 min)
10:45 – 11:25 CET (14:15 – 14:55 IST)	Panel discussion on policy guidance for a country planning to establish or strengthen SSCs with: • Mr. Ved Mani Tiwari (CEO, NSDC & MD, NSDCI) • Mr. Mohit Soni (CEO, Media & Entertainment Sector Skill Council) • Mr. Samuel Amegayibor (CEO, Real Estate Developer Association, Ghana) • Dr. Khalid AlShahrani (GM SSC, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, Government of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) Moderator: Dr. Ashwani Aggarwal
11:25 – 11:30 CET (14:55 – 15:00 IST)	Closing remarks Ms. Shabanam Sinha (Lead Education Specialist, Worldbank)

Technical specifications

The webinar will be conducted via the Zoom conferencing software.

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***The SKILLS Bridge** title refers to invaluable role of Skills and Lifelong Learning in closing skills gaps, aligning demand and supply, and in uniting private and public sector collaboration.*