

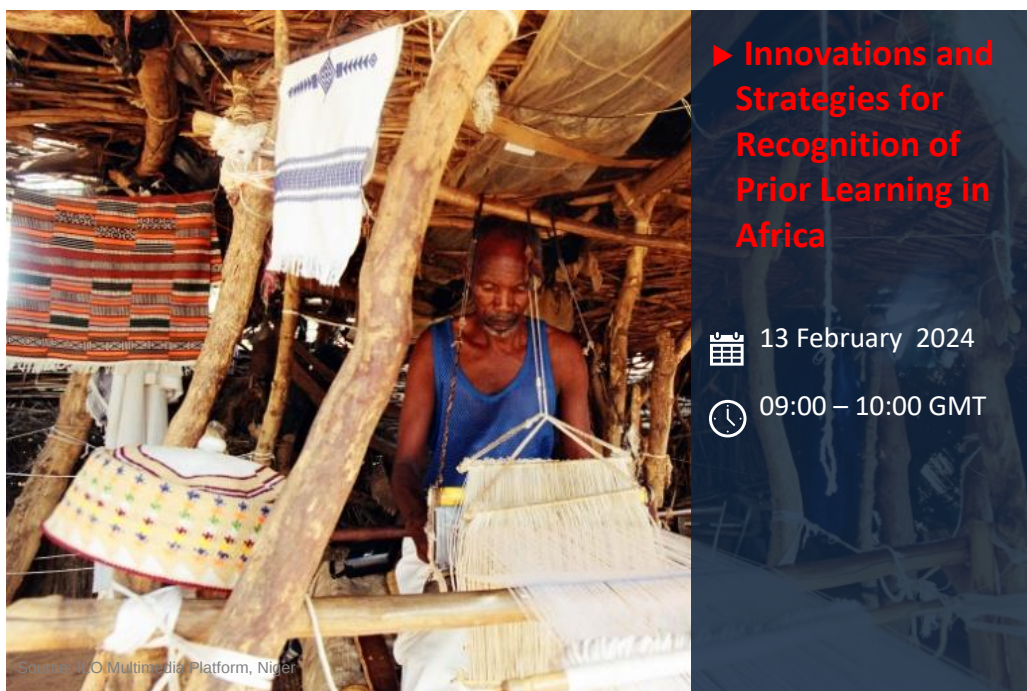
The SKILLS Bridge Masterclass Series

Promoting Lifelong Learning (LLL) for the Future of Work

Concept Note

Innovations and Strategies for Recognition of Prior Learning in Africa

13 February 2024 - 09:00 – 10:00 GMT



Background

Most learning occurs through non-formal and informal means, whether at work, home, or elsewhere. In fact, in many developing countries, most people acquire workplace skills by informal means. In the absence of recognised qualifications, they face severe disadvantages in finding decent jobs, migrating to other regions and accessing further education and training. Unfortunately, most formal education and training systems are not geared to recognise non-formal and informal learning. This not only hinders the development of human capital but is also a cause of its under-utilization. As a result, the recognition of knowledge, skills and competencies acquired through non-formal and informal means is becoming a highly aspirational, political and social issue, attracting the attention of policymakers.

Recognising the urgency, key international standards of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and policy recommendations of the Sub-Saharan African Skills & Apprenticeship Stakeholders Network (SASASNET) recommend that countries establish recognition of prior learning (RPL) systems. Many countries have initiated steps towards establishing RPL systems, but the majority face challenges to their successful implementation.

Objectives

In view of the challenges faced by African countries in implementing RPL, the next episode of the “SKILLS Bridge” Masterclass series is titled "Innovations and Strategies for RPL in Africa" and will be co-organised with our partner SASASNET. It will be an interactive session, allowing participants to ask questions to the experts to address the challenges they face in implementing RPL.

Audience

Officials and assessors implementing RPL systems in Africa can join this Masterclass episode. **There are no fees.**

Language

The working language of the webinar will be English.

Technical specifications

The webinar will be conducted via the ILO’s Zoom conferencing software.

Participants can register [here](#).

Tentative Agenda

Time	
09:00 – 09:10	Introduction and scene setting By Ashwani Aggarwal, Workgroup Leader (Skills Policy, Systems and Digitalization), ILO Opening remarks Chief of Skills and Employability Branch, ILO
09:10 – 09:50	Panel discussion and Q & A session Panelists: - Kaylash Algo, SASASNET - Martin Kent, ILO Consultant - Albert Okal, ILO Moderator: - Ashwani Aggarwal, ILO Geneva
09:50 – 10:00	Closing remarks SASASNET

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