

Schools2030 Global Forum

Session Learnings and Recommendations: Roundtable 19

SESSION TITLE: *Designing Innovations for Early Childhood Development: How might we build stronger coalitions to improve access to pre-primary education in marginalised communities over the next five years?*

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FOCUS AREAS: Early Childhood Development, partnerships, access and inclusion

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Coalitions are important for coordination and therefore strong leadership is essential to keep coalition cohesive and functional
- Coalition should aim for systems change and therefore have systems thinking approach including mapping of partners
- Should maintain a realistic duration for coalition building – to allow exploration of expectations and interest and how to manage them
- There's need for finding commonalities including making priorities palatable to others.
- Need to listen and take into consideration different perspectives including those of the beneficiaries
- There has to be a policy framework to guide coalition must be informed by evidence and research
- Multi sectoral composition to bring in different perspectives/dimensions as well as strengths that can help coalition achieve its mandate.
- Existing Coalitions can be strengthened in many ways including co designing of programmes and joint fundraising
- Coalitions can range from national. regional and global

CONCLUSION:

- Coalition building is a process that requires patience and inclusion of various stakeholders for success. Coalition need nurturing through strong coordination and leadership and the ability to keep an ear to the ground, taking into consideration the needs and perspectives of beneficiaries for sustainable impact

ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Allow for meaningful duration, security and predictability, and phased approach in partnerships

Invest n ECD local research for tangible solutions to local issues