

Schools2030 Global Forum

Session Learnings and Recommendations: Roundtable 4

SESSION TITLE: Measuring government uptake of evidence: How might we better ensure the effective utilisation of educational data and research by policy makers?

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FOCUS AREAS: Data, research, policy

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:

- What is the purpose of data?
- Who is the target audience for this data?
- How do the skills contribute to the economy?
- What is the role of government in aligning policy with data?
- Codification of knowledge, data relevance for formulating policy taking into consideration religious beliefs.
- Institutionalisation of data capacity in absorption of data "synthesizing evidence"
- Effectiveness of data for absorption with cost factor consideration scaling up may be a challenge
- Codification of data requires donors from domestic and international foundations

CONCLUSION:

- It is important to understand exactly the purpose of data and how it can align to government policy when selecting areas for research
- Data must be codified and synthesised to make sense of what it is saying
- Cost is a factor when it comes to evidence uptake at policy and school level

ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Codify knowledge and ensure that data is relevant for formulating policies.
- Create a network of schools so as to share, collaborate and build global learning

• Consider funding models that can align with an act on research outcomes