

UPGRADING HUMAN CAPITAL: A KEY PILLAR FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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In this era of digital economy, it is imperative to scale up investment in human capital which is vital for successful implementation of economic transformation and to achieve sustainable development. In most of IDB member countries, however, there are multiple challenges hindering the prospects of advancing and upscaling human capital development in national strategies.

This event will discuss the challenges and opportunities of upscaling human capital, share experiences and best practices, identify solutions for advancing human capital agenda in IDB member countries.

Key issues to be addressed:

- 1- How important is human capital to an economy and where do member countries stand on this matter?
- 2- What are the challenges facing human capital development in member countries?
- 3- What are the tools and mechanisms needed to streamline human capital development in national development plans or strategies?
- 4- What are the reforms needed to make education and training systems responsive to the job market requirements and contribute to the competitiveness of the economy?
- 5- What are the international best practices and lessons to be learned from them?
- 6- What kind of partnership should be built between different stakeholders (Government, private sector, NGOs, MDBs) to make the development of human capital an engine for sustainable development?



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