

Training Course on Strategic Planning for Decentralized Education Systems

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Educational Leadership and Management	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Strengthen skills in strategic education planning for decentralized governance.
2. Equip participants with tools for policy analysis and education reform.
3. Promote evidence-based decision-making in education sector planning.
4. Enhance abilities in education data analytics and resource optimization.
5. Develop competencies in stakeholder engagement and participatory governance.
6. Improve capacities for monitoring, evaluation, and accountability frameworks.
7. Address challenges of equity and inclusivity in decentralized education systems.
8. Integrate digital transformation strategies in decentralized education management.
9. Foster local leadership and capacity building for education governance.
10. Apply techniques for financial planning and resource mobilization in education.
11. Explore methods for policy coherence and intergovernmental coordination.
12. Build expertise in crisis-sensitive education planning and resilience building.
13. Design adaptable strategies for quality assurance in decentralized education.

Target Audiences

1. Education Policy Makers
2. Education Sector Planners
3. Local Government Officials
4. School Administrators
5. Education NGO Practitioners
6. Development Partners & Donors
7. Academic Researchers
8. Education Data Analysts

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Decentralized Education Systems

- Definition and models of decentralization in education
- Benefits and challenges of decentralized education systems
- Governance structures for local education management
- Roles and responsibilities in decentralized education
- Case Study: **Kenya's Devolved Education Governance Model**
- Interactive group discussion on decentralization models

Module 2: Strategic Education Planning Essentials

- Steps in strategic education planning
- Vision and mission development for education systems
- SWOT and PESTEL analysis in education
- Aligning strategic plans with SDGs
- Case Study: **Ghana's Education Strategic Plan 2018-2030**
- Hands-on activity: Drafting a vision statement

Module 3: Policy Formulation and Education Reform

- Principles of effective policy formulation
- Stakeholder mapping in policy processes
- Policy coherence in multi-level governance
- Education reform trends and innovations
- Case Study: **Finland's Education Policy Reforms**
- Role-play: Policy negotiation simulation

Module 4: Data-Driven Decision Making and Education Analytics

- Importance of data in education planning
- Tools for data collection and analysis
- Integrating EMIS (Education Management Information Systems)
- Indicators for monitoring education outcomes
- Case Study: **Uganda's EMIS Success Story**
- Workshop: Analyzing sample education datasets

Module 5: Financial Planning and Resource Mobilization

- Budgeting for education in decentralized systems
- Resource allocation and financial equity
- Innovative financing mechanisms for education
- Public-private partnerships in education funding
- Case Study: **Philippines' Special Education Fund**
- Practical session: Drafting a resource mobilization plan

Module 6: Stakeholder Engagement and Participatory Governance

- Techniques for stakeholder consultation
- Community involvement in education governance
- Strategies for building consensus
- Enhancing accountability through participation
- Case Study: **Nepal's Community School Management**
- Group activity: Designing a stakeholder engagement plan

Module 7: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Quality Assurance

- Building effective M&E frameworks
- Tools for assessing education quality
- Continuous improvement mechanisms
- Accountability frameworks for decentralized systems
- Case Study: **South Africa's Whole School Evaluation System**
- Simulation: Developing an M&E plan

Module 8: Crisis-Sensitive and Resilient Education Planning

- Understanding crisis impacts on education
- Planning for education in emergencies
- Risk reduction and resilience strategies
- Adapting plans for climate change and pandemics
- Case Study: **Lebanon's Education in Crisis Contexts**
- Scenario planning exercise for crisis response

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert presentations

- Group discussions and peer learning
- Case study analyses from global contexts
- Practical workshops and simulations
- Use of real-world data and planning tools
- Development of individual action plans

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to FINESKILL TRAINING CENTER account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
19 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
26 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500

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