

CECDN FUNCTION SHIFT DIALOGUES UPDATE TO THE SECTOR



Background and Objectives of CECDN

BRIDGE Innovation in Learning Organisation (BRIDGE) is an NPO which runs communities of practice aimed at sharing knowledge, working practice and innovation

South African Congress for ECD (SACECD) is a national mass-based NGO that represents the interests of early childhood development workers

National ECD Alliance (NECDA) is a network of ECD NPOs and sector experts whose members provide capacity building, high quality training and resourcing to the ECD Sector

OBJECTIVES OF CECDN

To hold and represent the views and voices of the ECD community in their differences and multiplicity

To use the strengths of the individual partners to mobilise the ECD community towards solutions that can lead to sustainable and impactful change in the sector

The Intersectoral Forum ISF Steering Committee is also represented in the collaboration and serves as a strategic line of communication that channels pertinent sector issues raised at the ISF to the CECDN, and channels updates and plans from the CECDN to the ISF

National Dialogue

The purpose of this dialogue was to gather CECDN's civil society partners and obtain their input to guide the CECDN in the process of stakeholder consultation

Themes of engagement:

1. Policy and legislation
2. Training and curriculum
3. Registration and infrastructure
4. Communication and advocacy
5. Finance and ECD donors
6. Monitoring and evaluation
7. Health and nutrition
8. Social protection
9. Human resources / Workforce

(Themes also informed the structure of provincial dialogues)

Provincial Dialogues

Purpose of the provincial dialogues was to provide a platform for the diverse members of ECD civil society to interrogate and confront issues in ECD, and to freely express their views, needs and expectations relating to the Function Shift:

- Dialogues took place between August-October 2019
- 822 stakeholders reached (91% target reached)
- Network partners executed all activities
- Output 1: Full report of dialogue proceedings
- Output 2: Recommendations on each of the themes

Next Steps

- Feedback to dialogue participants
- Engage key stakeholders:
 - DBE, DSD, NECT, DPA,
 - Other civil society organisations and networks
- The purpose of engagement is to advocate for the needs of the sector that have been communicated through the dialogues