TRENDS IN EDUCATION: POLICIES AND STRATEGIES FOR QUALITY, COMPETENCY AND INTERNATIONALISATION.

THEME:
CALL FOR SPEAKERS

DATE: 4TH & 5TH AUGUST 2015
VENUE: MOVENPICK AMBASSADOR HOTEL ACCRA- GHANA

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WORLDVIEW INTERNATIONAL GROUP is calling for speakers for the African Leaders in Education Forum taking place at the Movenpick Ambassador Hotel, Accra-Ghana on 4th & 5th August 2015.

**Theme:** Trends in Education: Policies and Strategies for Quality, Competency and Internationalisation.

Worldview is inviting leaders with experience and insights in education to share their policies, strategies, knowledge and opinions at this prestigious event attended by education stakeholders from all over Africa.

The speakers’ chosen topics will inform and influence short and long term policies and strategies in education. Topics should be relevant to the meeting purpose and theme. We welcome proposals that focus on present-day issues and share each speaker’s vision of the future of African education. Policies and strategies that has achieved development are strongly encouraged.

The conference organizing committee will assess proposals in accordance with the guidelines and the selection criteria below to ensure the quality and relevance of presentations/papers.

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Sincerely

Conference Committee
Education is critical to the economic success and the long-term development of any nation, and in order for Africa to compete in the globalised world drastic changes to our education system and delivery are needed. Certainly a lot of time and resources have been invested in the advancement of the African education system thus far. It is however, vital that we also ensure that the right foundation is laid, and the necessary policies are developed for the implementation and delivery of these important advances. Indeed, in order for Africa to triumph in its goal to modernize its education systems, each country must build its system on durable and effective policies.

Africa requires policies and procedures designed to reach all learners while making maximum use of the resources available; with policies that are made for the right reasons and managed by the right persons. Furthermore, these policies must give the impetus to quality, by modelling teaching and learning to meet the challenges of the current world and its future development. They must be built from a clear vision of the impact Africa seeks to achieve through education.

The AFRICAN LEADERS IN EDUCATION FORUM 2015 is a meeting point for leaders in education to share ideas and learn from each other. The theme for the forum is 'Trends in Education: Policies and Strategies for Quality, Competency and Internationalisation' and the forum will to highlight key strategies to achieve this goal. The forum aims to Inform and inspire through the events presentations and debates, but also from the informal discussions and exchanges that will ensue during this unique platform.
As the African leaders weighs next steps on the future of education and skills, the African Leaders in Education Forum aims to provide the latest thinking on the critical importance of education and will highlights what can be done to ensure that a sustainable policies and strategies are developed in order to achieve quality, competency and internationalisation. The forum will provide a platform for a critical reviews of exiting and new ideas, perspectives and frameworks for the development of education in Africa using relevant analyses and case studies.

African Leaders in Education Forum is a two-day event and will start a day before the African Resources and Technology for Education (ARTE) Show; the largest education resources exhibition in West Africa, which is organised by both Worldview Group and the British Educational Suppliers Association; the organisers of the World Education Forum in the UK. Part of the agenda on the last day of the forum is to allow the leaders in education to see the latest technology and resources available in support of learning and teaching.

After the successful inauguration of the event in Nigeria in 2014, We are delighted to bring this forum to Accra-Ghana.
## Key attendees/audience

- Education Ministers
- Commissioners of Education
- Non-governmental organisations
- Vice Chancellors
- Heads of Schools & Proprietors
- Rectors

## Benefits of becoming an African Leaders in Education Forum speaker

- International publicity provided as part of the event publicity
- Recognition and award presentation
- Nomination as industry and subject matter expert
- Contribution to the development of Africa education

## Speaker application process

All potential speakers should complete an Abstract Submission Form. The “Call for Session” form is designed to give the summary, content and context of the proposed presentation.

## Prior to completing the Abstract Submission Form, speakers should:

- Review the information provided with this brochure
- Choose an area of interest
- Choose their presentation sector relevance
- Choose their preferred session type

(Please note that this is a guideline for the selection committee, sections will be allocated and communicated to speakers)

Write a presentation summary between 200 or maximum of 300 words (please note or else advised otherwise, if selected, the presentation summary will be printed on the website and conference program as submitted)

Ensure presentations are written with reference to the selection criteria

Complete Abstract Submission Form and email to info@worldviewevents.com
Quality

- Strategic initiatives
- Relationships with Government
- Engaging business and industry

African education is argued to concentrate on the gaining of knowledge and theory and to neglect performance (‘and it is performance which essentially characterizes competence' op cit). Speakers are to share their experience, knowledge on policies and strategies that can be developed in order to achieve competency.

- Innovative approaches and new models
- Technology
- Paradigm shifts
- Employers and professional bodies
- Future trends

Internationalisation

Ia. Today students face unprecedented choice and are expected to compete in the global environment. Internationalisation represents the preparation of graduates to live in, and contribute responsibly to, a globally connected society. Speakers are to share their knowledge on how they are internationalising their education.

Information for application

a) Area of interest:
The Forum is designed around three main areas of interest covering a variety of topics. The forum aims to encourage new ideas to tackle issues facing education in Africa and how Africa can also compete on a global scale.

Speakers are expected to focus on policies and strategies as started in the forum theme.

Your presentation should cover one or two (and no more than three) areas of interest. These areas will be indicated in the session outline in the forum program.

Below are the three main areas of interest; the bullet points indicate suggested presentation ideas (please note that these are ideas only, presentations need not be limited to these topics)
Focus, Relevance, Interest and Appeal of Presentations

Authors should keep in mind the following when preparing their proposals:

1. **African appeal:** Presentations that have broad relevance to an African audience are encouraged and presenters are asked to remember that the audience demographic often includes representation from more than 10 African countries.

2. **Cross-sector interest:** as a whole of industry conference, presenters are strongly encouraged to consider cross-sector relevance in their presentations if at all possible.

b) Relevance

Presentation should appeal to the sectors represented by the audience and be specific on issues of Africa. Please indicate on the Abstract Submission Form which sector(s) your presentation should appeal to.

**Sectors/audiences are:**

- Education Ministers at Federal levels
- Education Ministers / Commissioners at State Levels
- Tertiary Education (e.g. Vice Chancellors)
- Head of Schools
- Primary Education
- Non-governmental organisations in education sector
c) Selection Criteria

The conference organising committee will assess submissions based on the criteria below.

· **Alignment:** With conference and areas of interest.

· **Applicability:** Presentations should speak to the latest concepts, techniques and tools and be illustrated by practical applications relevant to the topic.

· **Innovation/originality:** Presentations should develop existing concepts or introduce new information or ideas and should not merely repeat information already widely known.

· **Audience relevance:** Session proposals should clearly indicate cross-sector relevance and/or sector specific relevance and outline the interest to both the domestic and international audience.

d) Biography

Provide a brief biography of no more than 150 words should be provided with each submission. Biographies may include an outline of the speaker's career and achievements to date. Biographies should be written in third person as if application is successful the biography will be printed on the conference materials.
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