NEO: A Legacy of Innovation for the Future

June 6-7, 2018
Atton Hotel San Isidro
Lima, Peru

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 6

8:30  Registration

9:00  Opening Remarks and Summary of NEO Results
      *Master of Ceremonies: Sheila Mancebo Cordero*, Fashion Design student, Higher Technical Community Institute, Dominican Republic

      *Welcome Remarks: Elba Viviana Caro Hinojosa*, Representative, Inter-American Development Bank, Peru

      *Overview of NEO: Elena Heredero Rodríguez*, Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank, USA
      *Angela Venza*, Regional Director, International Youth Foundation, USA

9:30  Lightning Talk by NEO Youth

      *Luz Yaneth Mosquera Mosquera*, Refrigeration Assistant, Implementos y Suministros IMPYS, Colombia

9:40  Impacting the Youth Employability Ecosystem: Lessons and Achievements from NEO
      This session, featuring panelists from the NEO alliances, will highlight success stories from NEO of how multi-stakeholder alliances have improved local youth employability services.

      *Norma Añaños*, Executive Director, CAPLAB, Peru
      *Jorge Barragán*, Country Director, International Youth Foundation, Mexico
      *Fabio Carranza Esquivel*, Partner-Director, Education & Technology, Panama
      *Kathia Mejía*, Executive Director, Fundación Sur Futuro, Dominican Republic

      *Moderator: Martha Herrera*, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, CEMEX, Mexico

10:50 Coffee Break

11:10 Lightning Talk by NEO Youth

      *Gladys Janeth Acasiete López*, Graduate in Business Administration, Private Higher Education Technological Institute “Community Action,” Peru
11:20 Employer Perspectives on the Value of NEO
Participants will hear employers discuss the value of life skills, career guidance, and market-relevant skills.

Juan Carlos Croston, Vice President, Marketing & Corporate Affairs, Manzanillo International Terminal, Panama
Lyana Latorre, Senior Director, Corporate Social Engagement, Arcos Dorados, Colombia
Verousckha Uchofen, Regional Coordinator, FerreyCorp Association, Peru

Moderator: Peter Shiras, Executive Vice President, Partnership Development, International Youth Foundation, USA

12:15 Innovative Approaches from NEO Alliances
Participants from NEO executing agencies will give brief presentations to share their alliances’ accomplishments and innovations.

Sarah Pimentel, Coordinator, NEO Dominican Republic
Rebecca Finlason-Harper, Fundraising and Communications Specialist, NEO Jamaica
Zuleika de Plazaola, Coordinator, NEO Panama
Gustavo Londoño Rengifo, Coordinator, NEO Colombia

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Lightning Talk by NEO Youth
Bastián Ignacio Martín González, Gastronomy student, Benjamín Vicuña Mackenna High School, Chile

14:15 The Knowledge Economy and Opportunities for the Region’s Youth
Labor market experts and leaders from the private sector will explore economic opportunities for youth in the age of the digital revolution, viable paths towards social inclusion and the role of life skills and innovation in youth economic opportunity.

Sérgio Cavalcante, CEO, CESAR, Brazil
Mariana Costa, Co-Founder and CEO, Laboratoria, Peru
Héctor Figari Costa, Director, Corporate, External and Legal Affairs for South America, Microsoft, Peru
Marcio Guerra Amorim, Executive Manager, Corporate University, SESI and SENAI, Brazil
Rodrigo Kon, Executive Director, Fondation Forge, Argentina

Moderator: David Rosas Shady, Principal Specialist, Labor Markets and Social Security Division, Inter-American Development Bank, USA

15:20 Coffee Break
15:35  **Innovative Approaches from NEO Alliances**  
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*Carlos Gauto*, Coordinator, NEO Paraguay  
*Jorge Quezada*, Coordinator, NEO Chile  
*Gladys Farje Echeverría*, Coordinator, NEO Peru  
*Claudia Morena Aguilar Hernández*, Coordinator, NEO El Salvador  
*María del Roble García*, Coordinator, NEO Mexico

16:20  **Lightning Talk by NEO Youth**  
*Genesis Dilenia Peguero Reyes*, Chemical Engineering student, Pedro Henríquez Ureña National University, Dominican Republic

16:30  **A Celebration of NEO: The Power of Partnership**  
Drawing on more than 15 years of collaboration, IYF CEO William S. Reese and MIF Lead Specialist Elena Heredero Rodriguez will share their perspectives on multi-stakeholder alliance building, the legacy of *entra21* and NEO, and how to build on these initiatives in the future. Recognition of NEO Steering Committee members and other key stakeholders will follow.  
*Elena Heredero Rodríguez*, Lead Specialist, Multilateral Investment Fund, Inter-American Development Bank, USA  
*William S. Reese*, CEO, International Youth Foundation, USA  
*Moderator: Andrea González*, Co-Founder, SALTO PERÚ and YouthActionNet® Alumna, Peru

17:30  **Closing Remarks**  
Final thoughts and thanks from leaders of the Inter-American Development Bank, Multilateral Investment Fund, and International Youth Foundation.  
*Irene Arias Hofman*, CEO, Multilateral Investment Fund, Inter-American Development Bank, USA  
*Susan Reichle*, President & COO, International Youth Foundation, USA  
*David Rosas Shady*, Principal Specialist, Labor Markets and Social Security Division, Inter-American Development Bank, USA

18:15  **Cocktail Reception**
**Thursday, June 7**

**8:00**  **Workshop: Analyzing Lessons from NEO**
Participants from NEO alliances and other stakeholders will explore and discuss the lessons from NEO through a review of the results from several regional thematic studies.

- **Liliana González Ávila**, Executive Director, QUALIFICAR, Colombia
- **Victor Illanes**, Director of Sectorial Projects, Fundación Chile, Chile
- **Aitor Llodio**, Executive Director, Fundación para la Sostenibilidad y la Equidad (ALIARSE), Costa Rica
- **Ana Miranda**, Academic Coordinator, Youth Research Program, FLACSO, Argentina
- **Hugo Ñopo Aguilar**, Senior Researcher, GRADE, Peru
- **Juan Pablo Jimenez**, Partner, B.O.T., Colombia

**Moderator:** **Miguel Székely**, Director, Centro de Estudios Educativos y Sociales, Mexico

**12:15**  **Buffet Lunch**