

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

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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