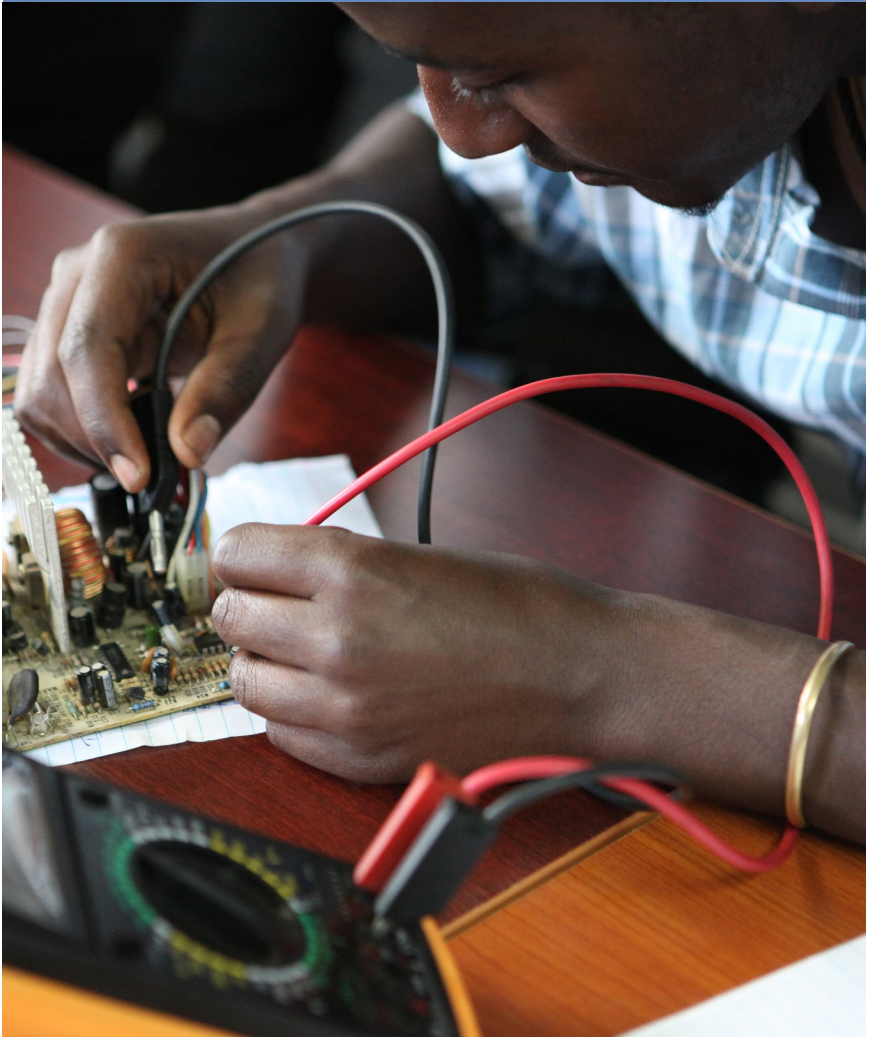


LKD FACILITY

A partnership approach to industrial skills development



About LKDF

The Learning and Knowledge Development Facility (LKDF) was set up to address the need to promote industrial skills among young people in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. By supporting the establishment and upgrading of local industrial training academies in close partnership with the private sector through Public Private Development Partnerships (PPDPs), the Facility helps to meet the labor market's increasing demand for skilled employees, while at the same time contributing to inclusive economic development. The long-term success of local industrial academies that partner with LKDF is ensured through constant monitoring of economic, environmental and social impact.

One goal of the LKDF is to learn in a systematic way about PPDPs, as this kind of collaboration is an effective and increasingly used means to achieve international development goals. PPDPs are ventures where partners from the private-, the public- and the development sector come together to design and implement a project with a wider development impact. They share cost, risks, rewards and responsibilities.

LKDF Purpose

LKDF provides a means to systematically learn from PPDPs that target industrial skills development.

It aims to develop a framework for such partnerships and to promote this type of collaboration. A key objective of LKDF is to disseminate the gathered knowledge for the greater public good.



LKDF Functions

LKDF has three core functions:

- The **learning and development component** helps capturing best practices, and summarizes and shares lessons learned from PPDPs.
- The **management training component** provides support and guidance to training managers and decision makers within the host country's educational training system.
- The **project development component** ensures the Facility's long-term success by supporting the development of new PPDPs.

LKDF Beneficiaries

National Vocational Training Systems:

- Up-to-date training institutions
- Upgraded trainer skills
- Enhanced human capital base

Students:

- Access to market-oriented training
- Company internships
- Improved career and employment opportunities

Donors:

- New forms of development collaboration
- Thorough understanding of PPD
- Higher returns on investment

Companies:

- Greater / new market exposure
- Trained local workforce
- Analysis of economic and social impact of partnership

Partner Contributions

- Expert advice
- Guidance on training needs
- Participation in meetings
- Provision of equipment
- Provision of technical support
- Training of training academy staff



Management

The LKD Facility is managed by UNIDO on behalf of SIDA, as the major project donor, and the private partners.

The overall strategy of LKDF is the responsibility of the Project Steering Committee, who acts much like a company board of directors. All partners are represented in the Committee with the chairmanship alternating on a rotation basis among partners.

Partners



The **Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)** is a government agency whose mission is to help reduce poverty in the world.



The **United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)** is a specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes inclusive and sustainable industrial development for poverty reduction.



Scania is a leading global manufacturer of heavy trucks and buses as well as industrial and marine engines. The company further markets and sells a broad range of service-related products and financing services.



The **Volvo Group** is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses, construction equipment, and marine and industrial engines.



Festo Didactic is the world-leading equipment and solution provider for industrial education and qualification.



The **International Youth Foundation (IYF)** is a global non-profit organization whose mission is to prepare young people to be healthy, productive, and engaged citizens.

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