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Dear NECDA Members,

Social Impact Bonds (SIB) is a new financing structure in South Africa where socially motivated investors pay for social services upfront and are repaid their investment by outcomes funders once predetermined outcomes or targets. This ensures a return on their investment.

With millions of South African young children still not benefiting from ECD services, innovative funding strategies are required. In November 2017, the first SIB in ECD was launched in South Africa. The SIB is managed by the Intermediary partnership of M2M and Volta Capital, working with the Western Cape Foundation for Community Work (FCW), the implementing partner. The outcomes funders are the Western Cape Department of Social Development, in a matched funding arrangement with ApexHi Charitable Trust and Tshikululu Social Investments, and supported by The Standard Bank Tutuwa Community Foundation, Futuregrowth Asset Management, and LGT Venture Philanthropy.

Greetings

Riedewhaan Allie
Portfolio: Advocacy

ECDlibrary

ECD stakeholders are encouraged to join Bridge's ECD Community of Practice (COP). The COP share knowledge and information relevant to the sector. Members can also get involved in projects undertaken by the COP. COP meetings can be attended in Gauteng, Western Cape and KwaZulu Natal. For more information click [here](#).

NECDA diary

NECDA's offices will be closed from 10 December 2020 to 10 January 2021.



NECDA Board wishes to thank our members for participating in a number of activities this year. We are proud of all we have collectively achieved. May the coming weeks be a time of love, peace and joy filled with time spend with those who matter. May 2020 be your best year ever!

#ECDnews

A highlight on the ECD calendar is the annual ECD Knowledge Building Seminar (13th one) - hosted by the DBE and UNICEF - which took place on 21 November 2019. The 13th ECDKBS focussed on "Celebrating 25 years of early childhood development: Reflecting on the achievements and the role of the ECD Workforce". The seminar was well attended and brought a variety of role players together.

NECDA@work

- NECDA board members attended the *Changing Perspectives - Think Future 2* conference from 11 to 14 October 2019 at Spier, in the Western Cape. The interesting and dynamic conference design elements, combined with the diversity in terms of the attendees at the conference and dynamic inspirational speakers resulted in time to contemplate, connect, network, take in meaningful learning, have debates and above all think differently about the ECD landscape. We wish to thank *Innovation Edge* for their generously sponsorship and the gift of changing our perspectives.
- A team of curriculum developers have started working on aligning NECDA's ECD Level 4 material to the QCTO ECD Level 4 qualification. The aim is to conclude this project by July 2020.
- NECDA attended a meeting with the CEO of SAQA and the CEO of QCTO, as well as the Department Basic Education to discuss how recognition of prior learning can be facilitated in the ECD training sector.
- NECDA is part of the Steering Committee for the National Consultative Process hosted that hosted 9 dialogues attended by 745 representatives from civil society, about the function shift of ECD from DSD to DBE.
- The DHET and WaziECD capacity building workshops were attended by 38 organisations and 74 people. NECDA members are reminded to register with DHET by 31 March 2020.
- Members are reminded to upload their organizational information and data using **WaziCapture** from 15 to 30 November 2019. Information needs to be updated after annual reports have been compiled to ensure accurate information is published on the app.

Ultimately, pursuing opportunities to connect with industry leaders or professionals with varying interests and perspectives is critical to your own career growth.

To keep up to date with the latest news impacting the ECD community, visit NECDA's website and follow NECDA on Facebook and Twitter.

FOOD4THOUGHT

"Play and language development are knitted together and facilitate the development of vocabulary and expression that leads to forming concepts needed for future formal learning." Marie-Louise Samuels