Africa Centre of Excellence for Innovative and Transformative STEM Education-Directorate of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (ACEITSE-DSDE)

CONCEPT NOTE ON SKILLS TRAINING FOR STUDENTS AND GRADUATES OF THE ACEITSE – November 2023

In line with the working document on ACEITSE DLR 5.3, sub section 2.1.3 which proposed the design and conduct of training for students, faculties and other interested adult members of the public, the Directorate hereby present a tentative Skills programs some of which will be beneficial to both graduate students, faculties and other interested members of the public within the university environment and beyond.

Training period

It is proposed that the training period could be just 5 days, during which the students will be exposed to practical entrepreneurship skills in any of the areas chosen by them. At the end of the training, the students must be able to showcase the knowledge gained and be certified as appropriate. The skill learnt can then be followed up with exhibition, which could be done in line with the established annual skills exhibition program of the DSDE.

Proposed Skills

With the support of the ACEITSE, a survey will be conducted to determine the students' skills of interest. However, in line with the ACEITSE's programmes of study, the DSDE is proposing the following skills in order of importance:

A, Web design and digital marketing.
B. Digital photography.
C. Solar Energy.
D. Baking and confectionary.
E. Household items such as soap, insecticide, bleach, deodorant etc.
F. Paint production

These skills would be put across to the students in a survey for them to choose from; and the three most wanted/prevalent skills (to be revealed by the survey) would be focused in the training.

DSDE Responsibilities

The Directorate of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship shall design the manual for training in the 3 chosen skills. It shall also prepare the cost implications, which include the required consumables needed for the training, payment of honoraria for the facilitators and staff of the DSDE involved in the training and the facilities(venues) needed for the training.

ACEITSE Responsibilities

The ACE shall determine the number of students to be trained and ensure their availability for the period of training. The Centre shall also provide the funding required for the procurement of consumables required for the training and provide honoraria for the facilitators; and for the training generally.

This is a tentative proposal that has not been cast in stone yet but can be improved upon to fit well into the mission of the ACE.

APPRECIATION

The DSDE appreciates the Center leader and his cohort for the opportunity extended to us to be a part of this human development program.

FURTHER ACTION

Action Required	Responsibility	Timeline
Esimate fund requirement	Director, DSDE DCL	17Nov2023
Conduct need assessment – which skill(s) are mostly favoured by ACEITSE students	ACEITSE	15Nov2023
Decide appropriate date for training	ACEITSE/DSDE	15Nov2023
Publicise the training	ACEITSE	17Nov2023
Conduct the training	DSDE	20Nov2023
Report the conduct of the training	M&E Officer	01Dec2023