



REVAMPING ENTERPRISE-BASED TRAINING IN THE PHILIPPINES: ADDRESSING BARRIERS AND DISINCENTIVES TO INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

This Policy Note examines the current state of enterprise-based training (EBT) in the Philippines. Despite EBT's potential to address skills mismatches and improve labor market outcomes, industry engagement remains low. Key barriers include unclear definitions and scope of EBT, limited capacity among implementers, unresponsive training programs, and coordination challenges across sectors. Additionally, existing financial and nonfinancial incentives have been ineffective in promoting EBT participation due to unclear guidelines and administrative burdens. The author recommends improving EBT measurement, strengthening incentive mechanisms, involving industry experts in training provision, and streamlining processes to boost industry engagement in EBT, ultimately contributing to a more skilled and competitive workforce in the country.

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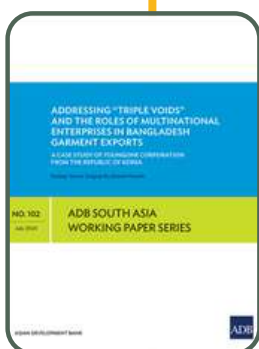
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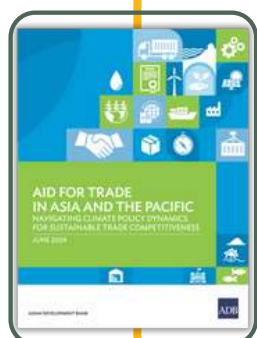
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