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How Can Silicon Valley Improve Online Learning in Emerging Economies?



San Francisco - June 7th - RSVP Now

Online and mobile learning has garnered significant interest from the international development community as a cost-effective way to meet Sustainable Development Goals in education and help strengthen local civil society.

The high-level concept is simple: Use technology to enable scale and leverage, and ultimately make education more widely accessible for all.

However, the reality of online and mobile learning is much more challenging when offered in a variety of geographies, and we are still in the relatively early

futures?

[Please RSVP now](#) to explore failures and surprising lessons from international online and mobile learning initiatives - what works, what doesn't, and what we can learn from both. Our lively conversation will be guided by the following thought leaders:

- [Amy Ahearn](#), Acumen+
- [Glenn Fajardo](#), TechSoup
- [TBD](#), Philanthropy University
- [Elizabeth Kountze](#), Tostan

[Please RSVP now](#) to join them and your esteemed peers to tease out the key challenges and nuances, and work toward recommendations using the following questions:

- **Design:** How can tools created here and implemented in developing countries enable inclusive growth? How are local contexts considered?
- **Content:** Is there too much emphasis on content delivery? And how is content developed? How important is language? Or interactivity?
- **Scale:** Everyone talks about scale, but what specifically are we trying to scale? How is our focus on scale minimizing locally-led possibilities?
- **Needs:** We'll say that we want human centered design and co-creation, but what makes this not-so-easy in practice? How are local designers included?
- **Partnerships:** How are international organizations structuring partnerships with local organizations? Are we drifting into accidental colonialism? What about collaborations with companies and governments?
- **Constraints:** Under what conditions can online learning work? Under what conditions is it not a good idea?

We'll have coffee and breakfast treats for a morning rush, but seating is limited to ensure an intimate discussion. [Be sure to RSVP quickly](#). Once we reach our 35- person capacity there will be a waiting list!

Online and Mobile Learning

San Francisco Technology Salon

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RSVP is required for attendance

About the Technology Salon

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The [Technology Salon](#)™ is an intimate, informal, and in person, discussion between information and communication technology experts and international development professionals, with a focus on both:

- technology's impact on donor-sponsored technical assistance delivery, and
- private enterprise driven economic development, facilitated by technology.

Our meetings are lively conversations, not boring presentations. Attendance is capped at 35 people - and frank participation with ideas, opinions, and predictions is actively encouraged.

It's also a great opportunity to meet others motivated to employ technology to solve vexing development problems. [Join us today!](#)

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