LINKAGE BETWEEN HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMY: KENYA PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

This paper addresses the missing link between Higher Education and Economic Policy in Kenya which has limited the coordination between Education and its implementation towards harmonizing and coordinating government’s human resource preparedness in the job market. In this study, analysis will be made on how important the linkage between University Education and economic development on human resource and their impact on complimentary sectors like research and Development, Information, communications and Technology and above all curriculum development, review and reform. This study argues that for Kenya’s economic development to be realized towards achieving Vision 2030, labour organizations and firms should work together to address: Unemployment, Underemployment, and technological advancement by expanding academic programmes that are tailor made in providing a solution emerging economic challenges. The paper recommends that the recipe to Kenya’s economic business cycles lie with Higher Learning institutions with close linkage to the requirements of the economy.

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