

1st Annual LED Academy

Systemic Envisioning and Implementation for Territorial Development

THE GSB&L and DEDT are pleased to announce our 1st LED Academy under the theme *Systemic Envisioning and Implementation for Territorial Development*. The LED Academy is intended to be an annual capacity building event for high-profile participants engaged in territorial development including regional and local economic development. The LED Academy is highly interactive, drawing on experiential modes of delivery that bridges theory, policy, practice, intervention and direct implementation realms.

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The first LED Academy will engage participants in the following areas:

- Strategic challenges in territorial development
- Contested meanings in development
- (Re)defining LED
- The 2014 -2018 National Framework for Local Economic Development
- Developing inclusive economies
- Complexity in territorial development
- Collaboration and multi-stakeholder engagement
- Building the Nexus for effective economic development
- Practical tools for systemic learning and intervention

- Future thinking, Envisioning and Redesigning

Who will benefit from the LED Academy?

- Government officials and private sector consultants in policy development in the area of economic development
- Government officials, development consultants, and other senior managers and seasoned practitioners who work in municipalities, development agencies, NGOs, or donor organisations responsible for promoting economic development
- Senior officials involved in key economic sectors, regional clusters or significant value-chains
- Senior Officials in key resource provider organisations (skills, funding, technical assistance, policy advice) for economic development

What are participants expected to contribute?

The LED Academy is a challenging learning encounter. It is not intended as a beginner programme. Participants are expected to have significant experience and bring that experience to bear in critical interrogation, dialogue, mutual exchange and creative exploration with other participants and the facilitators.