
Entrepreneurship and education. The missing link in international development theory and practice

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Abstract: Education and entrepreneurship are commonly considered major factors of economic development. If that is the case, one would expect that the international development organisations give a special attention to initiatives promoting *education on entrepreneurship* (teaching entrepreneurial skills, attitudes and ideas) and *entrepreneurship in education* (promoting the entrepreneurial initiative in providing, maintaining and developing education services). The study finds that these organisations' agenda has not started yet to incorporate the basic insights regarding the link between the two factors and concludes that this situation creates opportunities for a rich analytical and policy agenda in the area of education and entrepreneurship.

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