Title: Fueling an Inclusive Approach to Education Research and Development Authors & Presenters: Melina Uncapher, Aubrey Francisco, Enid Rosario, Karin Lange, Deb Lindo, Tyron Young, Andres Bustamente, Karina Rodriguez, Diana Torres

Session Overview

Imagine a future for Pre-K12 public education where the shared exploratory space and tools were made available for education practitioners, researchers and product developers to come together to determine what truly works for educators and students and apply a process to build products and programs from that new learning.

During this session, participants will gain an inside perspective on what inclusive engagement of these stakeholders looks like within Assessment for Good and EF+Math - two Inclusive Research and Development Programs of the Advanced Education Research and Development Fund (AERDF). AERDF is a national nonprofit research and development (R&D) organization that builds ambitious, inclusive programs aimed at tackling persistent teaching and learning challenges that disproportionately affect Black and Latino students and students of all races experiencing poverty in grades Pre-K-12.

Narrative of Session Agenda

After a welcome and icebreaker, participants will be introduced to AERDF and Inclusive R&D, with overviews of two AERDF programs, EF+Math and Assessment for Good (AFG), focused on Inclusive Engagement. Participants will then have the opportunity to move into two breakout groups about inclusive engagement: one hosted by EF+Math and one hosted by AFG. The EF+Math breakout group will share perspectives from their community through the experiences of a teacher, a researcher, a school district leader, and the Educator Leadership Council Chair. The AFG breakout group will explore one team's journey in Inclusive R&D, moving from framing to validating ideas. Participants in both groups will have a chance to discuss how they might engage in Inclusive R&D. The session will close with opportunities to get involved with Inclusive R&D in the future.



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