

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am pleased to share the news that I am now leading IFC's work in the education sector, under our Global Director, Farid Fezoua. This newsletter is an important part of our knowledge sharing efforts and I look forward to sharing it with you on a quarterly basis. This month, we spoke with Dr. Sheela Ram, Vice-Chancellor and Managing Director of Botho University, which has campuses in Botswana, Eswatini, Ghana, Lesotho, and Namibia. She explained how the university approaches skills building and the difference digital technology can make for students and schools.

As always, we welcome comments and suggestions for innovative education leaders who we can interview for our newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to me directly or to our communications team lead, Aliza Marcus, at [amarcus@ifc.org](mailto:amarcus@ifc.org).

Regards,

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### **Expert Voices: An Interview with Dr. Sheela Ram, Vice-Chancellor and Managing Director, Botho University**

“Our goal in offering blended and distance learning options was always to make higher education accessible and affordable to more students.” [Read the interview here.](#)



### **What's new with Vitae**

Finding a job in today's rapidly changing labor market can be challenging, which is why

higher education administrators should expand their career services. IFC's Vitae employability team [hosted a webinar](#) outlining strategies to better prepare students for the future of work and help them overcome obstacles such as discrimination and pay inequity.

## Webinars

Over the last few years, we have seen a shift toward globalization in higher education. IFC's Alejandro Caballero [hosted a dynamic discussion](#) with several industry trailblazers on best practices for operating across multiple countries.



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