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**VOCATIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT: A KEY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND  
INCOME GENERATION IN THE INFORMAL SECTOR IN A NON-WESTERN  
ECONOMY.**

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**Abstract**

This paper examined the informal ways of Vocational Skills Development (VSD) and its application in the world of work in the informal sector of in a non-western economy. It clearly states that vocational skills development is important for economic growth, poverty alleviation and youth empowerment. The aim is to provide the skills needed to take part in economic life for productive employment and income generation. A descriptive approach was adopted from secondary source of data. The paper touches on the concept of informal sector is discussed with reference to training and skill development in the informal sector and the formal, non-formal and informal means of delivery and providing training and employment and income generation in the informal sector. It also proffers policy measures to promote the informal sector employment generation amidst the problems that besiege the sector. The paper concludes that policies that would encourage a multifaceted, flexible and coherent approach to skills development in the informal sector should be given priority attention by the federal, state and local governments.

**Keywords:** Vocational Skills, Income Generation, Informal Sector, Employment

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