SPEAKERS

NOVEMBER 21: SCALING THE IMPACT OF INNOVATION

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Freda Wolfenden is a Professor of Education and International Development at the Open University. Freda’s research explores the influence of digital technologies and open practices on teaching quality and learning equity, in part through her involvement in the KIX-funded project, Adapting and scaling teacher professional development approaches in Ghana, Honduras and Uzbekistan (TPD@Scale).

NOVEMBER 22: TRANSFORMING EVIDENCE INTO ACTION

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