



Dr. Vidya Nandagopal is a management practitioner in the Learning and Development space for the past 30 years in UAE. She currently leads the Center for Executive Development at University of Dubai. She brings to the job her rich experience as an administrator, trainer, counsellor, and management consultant having handled a wide range of assignments in the learning and development area in the UAE. In her current role she leads a team that designs and develops customized and public courses for the private and public sector entities in UAE. The Center under her leadership has delivered many successful programs for working professionals in UAE and clients reach out to the Center for its innovative and client centered approach. Some of the notable programs from the Center include the “Rawasy “program for DED, Citigroup sponsored

programs in entrepreneurship, Dubai Customs Leadership program, and the DEWA program called Happiness Pioneers.

She has also been the Program Director for a project called “AFAQ” an initiative of HH Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi (Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah) for integrating school leavers into the workplace. This year long project was executed by her from concept up to final award of certificates.

As a corporate trainer in the Middle East region, she has customized training programs to suit industry type, multicultural workforce, diverse product range and service requirements She has conducted more than 75 workshops/ training sessions in a wide range of soft skills areas.

She has a wide exposure to the UAE business culture and dealing with Emiratis mainly due to the nature of her numerous assignments in the region.