

Africa Skills Week

*Skills and Jobs for the 21st Century:
Quality Skills Development for Sustainable Employability in Africa*

14 - 18 October 2024
The Palms Convention Centre, Ghana

For the full programme of the Africa Skills Week see <https://skillsweek-au.org>

Monday, 14 October 2024

Youths, Skills, and Jobs for the 21st Century

09:00 – 17:30

All times are indicated in GMT

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and accreditation of conference participants at The Palms Convention Centre
10:00 – 17:00	Study visits to TVET providers <i>As part of the Africa Skills Week celebrations, a study tour has been organized to provide participants with hands-on insights into Ghana's Pre-Tertiary Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system. The tour will take place on Monday, 14th October 2024 and includes visits to key Technical Institutions in the Greater Accra and Eastern Regions. The selected Institutions represent the forefront of Vocational and Technical Education in Ghana, demonstrating innovative approaches to Skills Training, Industry Linkages, and Technology Integration.</i> Organized by the Commission for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (CTVET), Ghana, and sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany

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- **Group 1, 11:00 – 17:00:** Opportunities Industrialisation Technical Institute (Shiashie), Applied Technology Institute (Shiashie), Design Technology Institute (Ogbojo)
- **Group 2, 11:00 – 17:00:** Accra Technical Training Centre (Kokomlemle), New Century Technical Institute (Dansoman)
- **Group 3, 11:00 – 17:00:** Tema Technical Institute (Comm. 7 Tema), Don Bosco Technical Institute (Comm. 22 Tema)
- **Group 4, 10:00 – 17:00:** Koforidua Technical Institute (Koforidua), St. Paul's Technical Institute (Kukurantumi)

All participants **must** register for the Study Tour. Please ensure you secure your place by registering via the [Study Tour Registration Form](#).

Tuesday, 15 October 2024

Official Opening of the Africa Skills Week

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Wednesday, 16 October 2024

Framing a global TVET agenda: BILT Bridging Event at the Africa Skills Week

Organized by UNESCO-UNEVOC and the
Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany

Hosted by the Commission for Technical Vocational Education and Training (CTVET), Ghana

9:00 – 17:00

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9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and opening remarks
Plenary hall	Moderator: Ms Priscilla Gatonye , Programme Officer, Inclusion and Youth, UNESCO-UNEVOC
<i>Streamed online (tbc)</i>	- Mr Kingsley Nyarko, Deputy Minister of Education, in charge of Technical Vocational Education and Training, Ghana - Mr Friedrich Huebler, Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC - Ms Birgit Thomann, Head of Department VET International, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany
9:30 – 10:15	Keynotes
Plenary hall	TVET for the 21st century: African perspectives and a global TVET agenda
<i>Streamed online (tbc)</i>	Moderator: Ms Priscilla Gatonye , UNESCO-UNEVOC - Ms Sophia Ashipala, Head of Education Division, African Union Commission - Mr Peter Thiele, Deputy Director VET, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany
10:15 – 11:00	Group photo, tea and networking break
11:00 – 12:30	Panel discussion
Plenary hall	Boosting excellence and innovation in TVET: Interregional policy dialogue and global agenda setting
<i>Streamed online (tbc)</i>	<i>Panellists from Africa, Asia-Pacific and Europe, representing multilateral and international organizations, and policy makers.</i>

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	Moderator: Ms Rita Bissoonauth, Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office to the AUC and ECA Panellists: - Ms Sophia Ashipala, African Union Commission - Mr Peter Thiele, BMBF, Germany - Mr Fred Kyei Asamoah, CTNET, Ghana - Ms Sofia Sakali, Head of Project Management, Tools and Dissemination Unit, European Training Foundation (ETF) - Mr Ashwani Aggarwal, Global Work Group Leader, International Labour Organization (ILO) - Ms El Iza Mohamedou, Head, OECD Centre for Skills, OECD - Mr Friedrich Huebler, UNESCO-UNEVOC
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:15 Plenary Hall	Scaling up the impact of TVET: Lessons from BILT Bridging activities and other approaches <i>The following sessions aim to deepen the exchange on the themes introduced during the keynotes and the panel discussion. Their objective is to collect additional perspectives from impulse speakers and participants and to allow for thematic discussion with global policy dialogue partners.</i> 1) Innovative and excellent TVET as a driver of the dual transition <i>This session identifies key policy actions, innovative approaches, and partnership opportunities that help enhance TVET's role in leading the just transition towards sustainability and digitalization.</i> Impulse: Mr Langat Kipkirui, Director General, TVET Authority, Kenya Moderators: Mr Kenny Muscat, BILT Project Manager and Ms Natalie Ax, BILT Project Officer, UNESCO-UNEVOC Discussion with invited experts 2) Promoting TVET as an excellent choice for learners

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	<i>This session highlights the importance of TVET for individuals and communities, showcases success stories, and explores strategies for enhancing TVET's visibility and attractiveness.</i> Impulse: Ms Zaahedah Vally, Research Officer, JET Education Services, South Africa Moderators: Ms Katharina Engel, BILT Project Manager and Ms Cara Schmitt, BILT Project Officer, BIBB, Germany Discussion with invited experts
15:15 – 15:45	Tea and networking break
15:45 – 16:00 Plenary Hall	Impulse Shaping the future of TVET together Moderator: Ms Priscilla Gatonye, UNESCO-UNEVOC - Ms El Iza Mohamedou, Head, OECD Center for Skills, OECD
16:00 – 16:45 Plenary Hall	Scaling up the impact of TVET: Lessons from BILT Bridging activities and other approaches 3) TVET as driver of economic and social development <i>This session identifies successful initiatives and pilot projects that reinforce social and economic progress. It discusses approaches for scalability and transferability.</i> Impulse: Mr Gabriel Konayuma, Acting Principal Technical Education and Vocational Entrepreneurship Training Officer Vocational Education and Training, Ministry of Technology and Science (MOTS), Zambia Moderators: Mr Friedrich Huebler and Ms Priscilla Gatonye, UNESCO-UNEVOC Discussion with invited experts

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16:45 – 17:15 Plenary Hall	The way forward: Framing a global TVET agenda together Moderator: Mr Oliver Diehl, Deputy Head of Division ‘Continuing Vocational Training; European Vocational Education and Training Area’, BMBF, Germany - Impulse speakers from breakout sessions: - Mr Langat Kipkirui, TVET Authority, Kenya - Ms Zaahedah Vally, JET Education Services, South Africa - Mr Gabriel Konayuma, Ministry of Technology and Science, Zambia Moderator: Ms Priscilla Gatonye, UNESCO-UNEVOC Closing remarks by - Mr Peter Thiele, BMBF, Germany - Mr Friedrich Huebler, UNESCO-UNEVOC - Mr Fred Asamoah, CTVET, Ghana
18:30	Joint dinner (upon invitation)

Thursday, 17 October 2024

TVET and Skills Development for a Transformative Africa

09:00 – 17:00

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9:00 – 10:30	Fostering interregional innovation transfer: TVET policy and practice in the building and construction sector - Council of Registered Builders (CORBON), Nigeria - ConCOVE Tūhura, New Zealand - Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches sur les Qualifications (Céreq), France - UNESCO-UNEVOC and BIBB <i>Working session of selected members of the BILT Expert Group on TVET in Building and Construction and African partners on green, digital and inclusive TVET in the sector with a focus on transferable innovation, followed by a study visit in the afternoon.</i>
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11:00 – 12:30	UNEVOC Network meeting (upon invitation) - Mr Friedrich Huebler, Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC - Ms Priscilla Gatonye, Regional Focal Point for Africa, UNESCO-UNEVOC
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