

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

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Purpose

[‘Bridging Innovation and Learning in TVET’ \(BILT\)](#) is a flagship project under the UNESCO Strategy for TVET 2022-2029, contributing to the achievement of the SDGs and UNESCO’s global priorities Africa, youth and gender equality. BILT fosters interregional exchange on new qualifications and competencies in TVET and supports the sustainable transformation to the benefit of individuals, societies, and economies.

BILT Bridging Events are organized consecutively in each of the three focus regions of the BILT project – Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Europe – and hosted by a UNEVOC Centre that is an active networking node for TVET stakeholders in the region and beyond. BILT Bridging Events provide a platform for international policy learning, knowledge exchange, and innovation transfer.

Context

The 2024 Bridging Event for Africa takes place within the framework of the African Union Year of Education 2024 *‘Educate and Skill Africa for the 21st Century’*. It is integrated in the African Union’s Africa Skills Week, hosted by the Republic of Ghana, with a thematic focus on skills development to enhance employability, entrepreneurship, and economic resilience.

The 2024 Bridging Event for Africa leverages the opportunity of the Africa Skills Week to continue developing a global TVET agenda – a process which was initiated by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) in 2023. The event serves as a platform for discussing common denominators for global TVET policy cooperation, and for peer-learning and sharing of innovative approaches. The 2024 Bridging Event for Africa is an opportunity to collect perspectives from African UNEVOC Centres and TVET stakeholders on the proposed global TVET agenda.

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Goals

The 2024 BILT Bridging Event at the Africa Skills Week aims to

- ✓ Promote policy development and multilateral dialogue towards a global TVET agenda, involving high-level TVET stakeholders from Africa, Asia-Pacific and Europe. The objective is to
 - Take up the momentum of the African Union Year of Education 2024 and the review of the *Continental TVET Strategy*;
 - Develop a global TVET agenda with a view to common policy priorities;
 - Generate commitment to address global TVET challenges jointly, and to promote TVET as an excellent choice.
- ✓ Support interregional innovation transfer to
 - Enhance innovation capability in TVET systems;
 - Foster international collaboration on excellence in TVET.
- ✓ Invite the TVET community in Africa and beyond to collaborate with BILT
 - In the context of the BILT Expert Group on TVET in the building and construction sector;
 - As contributors of transferable Innovation and Learning Practices (ILPs), or partners for future BILT events.

Target group

The BILT Bridging Event targets TVET stakeholders from Africa, Asia-Pacific and Europe (by invitation), representing:

- Multilateral and international organizations;
- Ministries and TVET regulators;
- TVET providers;
- Associations, unions, private sector organizations;
- Selected members of the BILT Expert Group, and subject matter experts on the focus sector 'building and construction'.

The BILT Bridging Event at the Africa Skills Week in Accra, Ghana, brings together approximately 45 representatives of primarily African, as well as Asian and European UNEVOC Centres and TVET stakeholders.

Format of the BILT Bridging Event at the Africa Skills Week, 14 – 17 October

During the Africa Skills Week, selected plenary sessions are streamed online. Online participation is open to a global audience.

BILT sessions take place in the following formats:

- **Keynote and Multilateral Policy Dialogue** focused on enhancing TVET policy frameworks and addressing common challenges in TVET.

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- **Breakout Sessions** aimed at sharing strategies for boosting innovation and international collaboration in TVET, and for promoting high-quality TVET as a key driver of economic and social development.
- **Networking opportunities** to strengthen international innovation transfer and thematic exchange.
- UNEVOC Network meeting for UNEVOC Centres (by invitation).
- **Open working session of the 2024/25 BILT Expert Group** and African partners on green, digital and inclusive TVET in the building and construction sector.
- **On-site study visit** to interact with TVET practitioners in the building and construction sector in Ghana.

For more information about the event, please refer to the [event webpage](#), which is continuously updated.

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