

World Youth Skills Day 2024

"AI Skills for the Future of Work" a Global Skills Academy Session on WYSD 2024

Monday, 15 July 2024
14:30 - 15:30 CET | Online

Introduction: Commemorating World Youth Skills Day 2024

In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day, recognizing the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work, entrepreneurship, and addressing global challenges for sustainable development. Since then, World Youth Skills Day events have facilitated dialogue between young people, TVET institutions, the private sector, policymakers, and development partners.

As we navigate complex global issues such as climate change, environmental degradation, rising conflicts, inequalities, and social injustices, it is crucial to empower youth with the skills, knowledge, values, and attitudes necessary to achieve their full potential and contribute to a more just, inclusive, and sustainable future for all.

This year, July 15th not only marks World Youth Skills Day but also the fourth anniversary of the UNESCO Global Skills Academy (GSA). Launched amidst the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the GSA has been pivotal in providing young people worldwide with access to high-quality training. Aligned with the UNESCO Strategy for TVET 2022-2029: "Transforming TVET for successful and just transitions," the GSA underscores the importance of enhancing youth skills development and the role of partnerships in promoting resilience and recovery in the post-pandemic era. The GSA has set an ambitious goal of equipping ten million youth and adults by 2029.

AI Skills for the Future of Work: A Global Skills Academy Session

The rapid integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies across various industries is transforming the landscape of work. To prepare youth for the jobs of the future, it is crucial to equip them with the necessary AI skills. The Global Skills Academy will host a dedicated session on "AI Skills for the Future of Work" to address this pressing need. This spotlight session highlights the ongoing impact of the GSA in advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), by equipping youth with essential skills for a sustainable future. As we commemorate the fourth year since the GSA's inception, we continue to foster strategic partnerships and inclusive opportunities for young people to thrive in the evolving world of work.

Objectives

1. Highlight the growing demand for AI skills across industries and job roles.
2. Provide practical guidance on developing and enhancing AI skills.
3. Explore the essential AI skills required for future employability.
4. Promote inclusive and equitable access to AI skills training.

Agenda

Global Skills Academy “AI Skills for the future of work” Online Session Date: July 15, 2024 Time: 14:30 - 15:30 PM CET	
14:30 – 14:32	Welcome Remarks (2 minutes) <i>Soledad Patiño. Coordinator, Global Skills Academy (GSA), UNESCO</i>
14:32 – 14:37	World Youth Skills Day and the Global Skills Academy mission: Overview (5 minutes) <i>Hervé Huot-Marchand. Chief, Section of Youth, Literacy and Skills Development, UNESCO</i>
14:37 – 14:40	Global Skills Academy (GSA) Video presentation
14:40 – 14:50	The AI Skills Imperative (10 minutes) <i>Dr Kathryn Fair. Research Associate, The Alan Turing Institute</i> <i>Roy Saurabh. Senior Project Officer, UNESCO</i> • Discussing the transformative impact of AI on future work trends. • Outlining key technical and soft skills essential for youth entering the workforce.
14:50 – 15:15	Fostering Inclusive AI Skills Development (25 minutes) <i>Global Skills Academy Partners representatives:</i> <i>Alfie Hamid. Head of Global Strategic Partnerships, Cisco</i> <i>Kate Ross. Workforce Education & Skills Global Program Manager, IBM UK + Student</i> <i>Francisco Anello. Global Senior Vice President of Education, Aleph Holding</i> <i>Pallavi Malhotra. Director for Talent Alliance, Huawei Europe + Students</i> • Presenting AI skills training opportunities and introducing ongoing and new initiatives in partnership with UNESCO Global Skills Academy mission.
15:15 – 15:25	Q&A Segment (10 minutes) <i>Moderated by the GSA Team</i> • Segment for questions and answers between speakers and attendees.
15:25 – 15:30	Closing remarks (5 minutes) <i>Borhene Chakroun. Director for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, UNESCO</i>

Format

Online Session on Zoom.

Registration link: <http://bit.ly/4eVniG0>.