

# UNESCO-UNEVOC MISSION STATEMENT



## OUR PROFILE

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training was established in Bonn, Germany, in September 2000, based on a Host Country Agreement signed earlier that year between UNESCO and the Government of Germany. The Centre was inaugurated on 8 April 2002.

The Centre seeks to help UNESCO's 193 Member States strengthen and upgrade their systems of technical and vocational education and training, and to promote a greater availability of skills development options so as to implement Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and UNESCO norms and standards concerning technical and vocational education and training.

The Centre undertakes its activities through a world-wide network of over 282 UNEVOC Centres in 167 countries. It creates synergies with UNESCO Headquarters, UNESCO Institutes/Centres and Field Offices; and works in close partnership with other international and national agencies in the field of technical and vocational education and training.

## OUR VISION

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre acts as part of the United Nations mandate to promote peace, justice, equity, poverty alleviation, and greater social cohesion. The Centre assists Member States develop policies and practices concerning education for the world of work and skills development for employability and citizenship, to achieve:

- access for all
- high quality, relevant and effective programmes
- learning opportunities throughout life.

The Centre contributes to increased opportunities for productive work, sustainable livelihoods, personal empowerment and socio-economic development, especially for youth, girls, women and the disadvantaged. Its emphasis is on helping meet the needs of developing countries, countries in transition and those in a post-conflict situation.

## OUR WORK

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre acts as a key component of UNESCO's international programme on technical and vocational education and training. It also works to support UNESCO's mandate for *Education for All* and *Education for Sustainable Development*.

The Centre achieves this through taking action to strengthen and upgrade the world-wide UNEVOC Network (Flagship Programme), with particular reference to:

- Stimulating international and regional cooperation concerning human resource development
- Promoting UNESCO normative instruments and standards
- Promoting best and innovative practices in TVET
- Knowledge sharing
- Mobilizing expertise and resources
- Strengthening partnerships with other relevant agencies

## OUR AMBITION

For the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre to be recognized by UNESCO Member States, UNESCO Offices, United Nations agencies, and other partner organizations working in the field of skills development for employability and citizenship, as a truly international, effective and relevant centre of excellence in achieving our mission.

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