

# UNESCO Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) 2016-2021

The strategy aims to:

- support the efforts of Member States to enhance the relevance of their TVET systems and to equip all youth and adults with the skills required for employment, decent work, entrepreneurship and lifelong learning, and
- contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a whole.

## Did you know that...



Rising youth unemployment is one of the most significant problems facing economies and societies in today's world, for developed and developing countries alike.

Over the next decade, at least **475** million new jobs need to be created to absorb the

**73** million youth currently unemployed and the

**40** million new annual entrants to the labour market.<sup>1</sup>

**1.44** billion workers worldwide are in vulnerable employment.<sup>2</sup>

“Attaining decent work is a significant challenge for youth.”

“Despite progress and economic growth, inequalities and poverty persist in many parts of the world.”

On average, for countries in which data is available, the wealthiest 10% earn **30-40%** of the country's total income.



By contrast, the poorest 10% earn around **2%** of the total income.<sup>3</sup>



The global unemployment rate (%)	<b>6.4</b>	vs	<b>5.7</b>
The global labour force participation rate (%)	<b>68.7</b>		<b>81.7</b>

For all countries, **climate change** represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat.

**15-60** million new jobs could be generated globally over the next two decades through the transition to a **greener economy**.<sup>4</sup>

“All Member States have priorities for transition to green economies and climate resilient societies.”

## 3 Pillars of Priority Areas

### Fostering youth employment and entrepreneurship



UNESCO will support Member States to conduct Policy reviews and TVET reforms



UNESCO will mobilize cooperation of different stakeholders



UNESCO will support Member States to design efficient and effective TVET funding strategies



### Promoting equity and gender equality



UNESCO will conduct policy advice and capacity-building programmes



UNESCO will encourage exchange and dissemination of knowledge



UNESCO will promote targeted policy measures for disadvantaged groups



UNESCO will support measures enhancing women's and girls' access to relevant TVET programmes and providing equal opportunities in the world of work



### Facilitating the transition to green economies and sustainable societies



UNESCO will promote green skills for a smooth transition to greening economies



UNESCO will foster cross-sectoral approaches of TVET



UNESCO will support Member States to leverage digital technologies and close the digital divide



## To maximise the outcomes of the Strategy's priority areas, UNESCO will help Member States:



to identify and anticipate skills requirements to inform TVET policies, strategies and programmes and to create multi-level and multi-sectoral stakeholder platforms



by facilitating the debate on recognition of skills and qualifications, including across borders, as well as building learning pathways in a lifelong learning perspective



in monitoring progress towards SDG4 and related TVET targets with a framework of key indicators