

## **UNESCO-UNEVOC Regional Forum**

### **Asia and Pacific**

#### ***Advancing TVET for Youth Employability and Sustainable Development***

***September 4-6, 2013 in Seoul, Republic of Korea***

***UNESCO Hall, Korea UNESCO House/Secretariat***

#### **Background**

In the context of the UNESCO Third International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training hosted by the Government of the People's Republic of China in Shanghai in May 2012, UNESCO's Director General was invited to seek to implement the following actions through the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre:

- Collect and disseminate evidence demonstrating the multiple and diverse policy approaches for transforming and expanding TVET, using the global UNEVOC Network and UNESCO Chairs active in the field
- Expand and enhance the capacities of the UNEVOC Network to play a key role in developing the capacities of decision-makers and practitioners, and facilitate the involvement of all stakeholders

Following these recommendations and based on the outcomes of an international forum (November 2012) as well as a regional consultation workshop (March 2013), both facilitated and organized by UNESCO-UNEVOC, the regional forum Asia and Pacific is yet another step in a sequence of activities aiming to further strengthen global and regional harmonization for the advancement of TVET transformation through the capacities of UNEVOC's unique global network of specialized TVET institutions and affiliated partners.

As an outcome of the consultation workshop in March 2013 where regional UNEVOC coordinators from Asia, Africa and Latin America were present, it was decided to highlight the topics Youth and Skills as well as Greening TVET through the presentation of evidence-based promising practices. The anticipated conference will provide the platform to showcase these innovative regional initiatives.

## **Scope and aims**

In the context of the UNESCO Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and the Education for All (EFA) initiative, the regional forum Asia and Pacific will provide a platform to address the implications of Greening TVET and youth employment strategies.

Youth are among the most vulnerable when it comes to secure decent employment. They face barriers when trying to enter the job market such as a lack of work experience and contacts. In addition, they are the first to be dismissed in times of an economic crisis. This makes them at least three times more likely to be unemployed than adults, and up to five times in South-East Asia and the Pacific. Yet Youth represent one fifth of the region's population - a figure that cannot be ignored discussing the transformation and quality enhancement of technical and vocational education and training.

At the same time, the region is facing challenges due to growing environmental degradation and climatic changes. Adapting the concept of Sustainable Development and Greening TVET strategies require a methodical and systematic approach to the changing job opportunities and skill demands as new industries and job profiles emerge. TVET institutions need to be responsive to these dynamics in order to produce a workforce that matches the actual market requirements. This transition implies a revision of existing curricula, qualification standards and training programs as well as a retraining of teachers and trainers.

Against this backdrop the regional forum's objective is to strengthen regional harmonization for the advancement of TVET transformation through networking, partnerships and mobilization of expertise and resources.

UNESCO-UNEVOC together with the Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training (KRIVET), a UNEVOC center and strong member of UNESCO-UNEVOC's global network, in collaboration with the UNEVOC Centre Magdeburg, GIZ Germany will facilitate high-level panels of experts discussing contemporary issues and highlighting skills development strategies, approaches and innovative practices in the areas of Greening TVET and youth employment. The discussion outcomes and recommendations gathered from selected promising practices will be further used as regional inputs to the UNESCO-UNEVOC plan of action for 2014. An anticipated inter-regional conference to be facilitated by UNESCO-UNEVOC in Bonn in 2014 will provide the required platform for follow-up discussions and activities.

## Objectives

The forum will:

- provide a platform to showcase innovative and evidence-based regional promising practices in the fields of *Youth and Skills* and *Greening TVET*
- address the topics *Youth and Skills* and *Greening TVET* through high-level international and regional expertise and panel discussions
- reinforce and extend regional networks and partnerships for the advancement of TVET transformation towards regional harmonization and resource mobilization;
- further strengthen the UNEVOC Network consolidation process in the region.

In order to achieve set aims and objectives, the conference will involve participants from the UNEVOC Network, industries, international and regional organizations, development agencies and regional TVET institutions and stakeholders.

## Key Outputs

- a Regional Forum report as a regional input to the UNESCO-UNEVOC plan of action for 2014
- a compilation of selected, evidence-based promising practices from the region

## Outcomes

- Multi-stakeholders partnerships and cooperation are strengthened
- The importance of regional harmonization as a means to streamline regional TVET priorities is recognized and promoted
- The participants are enabled to better measure and act on TVET development issues in the outlined priority areas

## Organizers:

UNESCO International Center for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (UNESCO-UNEVOC), Bonn, Germany

UNEVOC Centre Korea (Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training, KRIVET), Seoul, Korea

## Partner UNEVOC Centre:

UNEVOC Centre TVET for Sustainable development (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH), Magdeburg, Germany

## With the support of:

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## UNESCO-UNEVOC Regional Forum Asia and Pacific

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#### *Agenda*

*Last updated 29/08/2013*

#### *Wednesday, September 4*

<b>08:30 - 09:00</b>	<b><i>Registration</i></b>
<b>09:00 - 10:00</b>	<b><i>Opening Session</i></b>  Chaired by <b>Prof. Dr. Young-bum Park</b> , President KRIVET  Opening Address by <b>Dr. Mmantsetsa Marope</b> , Director Division for Basic Learning and Skills Development, UNESCO  Welcome remarks by <b>Prof. Dr. Young-bum Park</b>  Congratulatory remarks by <b>Dr. Seung-il Na</b> , Vice Minister, Ministry of Education  Context setting by <b>Dr. Shyamal Majumdar</b> , Head of the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Center
<b>10:00 - 10:30</b>	<b><i>Photo Session and Coffee break</i></b>
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b><i>Theme 1) Greening TVET: Global and Regional Perspectives</i></b>  <i>Session overview:</i> The implementation of the concept of <i>Sustainable Development</i> is one of the central challenges faced by the world today. Greening TVET is the strategic entry point to shape a world of work that contributes to social cohesion and promotes environmentally sound sustainable development. This session will address global and regional initiatives, in response to the changing job opportunities and required skills a green development agenda implies.  Moderation: <b>Janette Han</b> , KRIVET  Keynote by <b>Dr. Shyamal Majumdar</b> , Head of the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Center
<b>11:00 - 12:30</b>	<b><i>Panel 1) Greening TVET Initiatives in the Asia - Pacific region</i></b>  <i>Session overview:</i> Recognizing its multidimensional impacts, Greening TVET strategies call for a holistic approach in designing concepts to promote green innovation and green growth. A collaborative effort is required to meet the challenges involved in Greening TVET and skills development. This session aims to share national initiatives on promoting Greening TVET. Particular attention will be put on sharing new experiences and groundbreaking practices in the green skills development through TVET.

Chaired by **Dr. Harry Stolte**, GIZ

**Diah Suran Febrianti**, *Astra Green Company*, PT Astra Int., Indonesia

**Celestino C. Millar**, *TESDA's initiatives on green skills*, Philippines

**Nguon Virak**, *Studying the abilities of Eco-entrepreneurship and innovation*, Cambodia India Entrepreneurship Development Centre (CIEDC)

**Dr. Jisun Chung**, *A Case Study of Green Skills in Korea: Busan Energy Science High School*, KRIVET, Korea

Q & A

**12:30 - 14:00** *Lunch (Mano di Chef, Italian Restaurant)*

**14:00 - 15:00** *Theme 2) Youth Employment and Skills Development*

*Session overview:* This session will highlight regional data, issues, and trends in youth workforce development and employment related skills acquisition, both globally and for the Asia and Pacific region. It will provide a framework for youth employment trends with focus on employability, skills development, vulnerable and disadvantaged youth, models for youth participation, and youth entrepreneurship.

Moderation: **Janette Han**, KRIVET

Keynote by **Dr. Jong-Koo Park**, Chairman, Korea Polytechnics

Keynote by **Dr. Gita Subrahmanyam**, Senior Consultant LSE/AfDB

Keynote by **Dr. Sung-ki Yi**, Vice President, Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD Korea)

**15:00 - 15:15** *Coffee break*

**15:15 - 16:30** *Panel 2) Youth and Employability in the Asia-Pacific region*

*Session overview:* Youth employment is one of the largest challenges in the developing process of the Asia-Pacific region. There are innovative initiatives and promising practices embraced by various institutions in the region addressing this issue. While drawing lessons from the past in a candid and constructive manner, the session will discuss how best to raise and exchange experiences on innovative initiatives tackling school to work transitions and career guidance as well as enhanced labour market responsiveness.

Chaired by **Prof. Vijay Kumar Agrawal**, National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research, India

**Janaka Jayalath**, *ICT-enabled career guidance and job matching solution to enhance youth transitions in Sri Lanka*, Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission, Sri Lanka

**Hikitia Ropata**, *Integrating career services - Helping people navigate pathways to brighter futures, from education to employment*, Careers NZ, New Zealand

**Bhavna Chopra Srikrishna**, *The National Skills Development Corporation-Transforming the Skills Landscape in India*, National Skills Development

Corporation, India

**Phil Loveder**, *Australian school-based Apprenticeships: The partnership brokerage and mentoring model*, National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd. (NCVER), Australia

Q & A

**16:30 - 16.45** *Highlights of sessions/Brief wrap-up*

facilitated by **Rajesh Khambayat**

**19:00** *Dinner Reception (Korea House Restaurant)*

### *Thursday, September 5*

**9:00 - 9:30** *Registration*

**9:30 - 9:45** *Brief summary of previous day (rapporteur)*

**9:45 - 11:15** *Panel 3) UNEVOC Network regional coordinators' perspectives, experiences, lessons learnt and challenges*

*Session overview.* This session will leverage the unique insights and practical experience of various UNEVOC regional coordinators to respond to discussions of trends, challenges and opportunities of regional harmonization.

Chaired by **Birgit Thomann**, German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, BIBB

**Phil Loveder**, UNEVOC regional representative Asia and Pacific, National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd. (NCVER), Australia

**Mathews Phiri**, UNEVOC regional representative Africa, Botswana Training Authority (BOTA), Botswana

**Fernando Rodriguez**, UNEVOC regional representative Latin America/Caribbean, National Institute of Apprenticeship (INA), Costa Rica

**Susan Sproule**, UNEVOC regional representative EU/North America, Association des collèges communautaires du Canada, Canada

Q & A

**11:15 - 11:30** *Coffee break*

11:30 - 12:45

***Panel 4) International and Regional Organisations' Perspectives***

*Session overview:* International and Regional organisations have a significant role to play in the dynamic landscape of TVET systems. Following the previous session on the perspectives of Development Partners, this session will give an insight to activities undertaken by international and regional organisations.

Chaired by **Ra Sungsup** (Asian Development Bank, ADB)

**Dr. Marcelino C. Gapultos, Jr.**, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization, Regional Center for Vocational and Technical Education and Training SEAMEO-VOCTECH

**Dr. Mohammad Naim Yakuub**, Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC)

**Budidarmo P Kuntjoro-Jakti**, ASEAN Secretariat (tbc)

Q & A

12:45 - 14:00

***Lunch (VIPS, Salad Bar)***

14:00 - 15:15

***Panel 5) Development Partners' Perspectives***

*Session overview:* This session will concentrate on the perspectives and approaches of Development Partners shaping global policies on youth and skills as well as Greening TVET and how synergies can be created concerning ongoing and future activities.

Chaired by **Dr. Mmantsetsa Marope**, Director Division for Basic Learning and Skills Development, UNESCO

**Dr. Harry Stolte**, GIZ

**Matthieu Cognac**, ILO Asia and the Pacific

**Gwang-Jo Kim**, UNESCO Bangkok

Q & A

15:15 - 15:45

***Coffee break***

15:45 - 16:45

***Official Closing***

Chaired by **Dr. Mmantsetsa Marope**, Director Division for Basic Learning and Skills Development, UNESCO

Closing remarks by **Prof. Dr. Young-bum Park**, President KRIVET President KRIVET

Closing remarks by **Dr. Shyamal Majumdar**, Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC

16:45

***Culture program (N Seoul Tower) followed by Dinner (Chrysanthemum Garden Restaurant)***

*Friday, September 6*  
*UNEVOC Centre representatives ONLY!*

**9.30 - 12.00**      *Strengthening the UNEVOC Network and its way forward*

**12.00 - 13.00**      *Lunch (Mano di Chef, Italian Restaurant)*

**13.00**              *Study Tour*

**19.00**              *Dinner reception hosted by HRD Korea*