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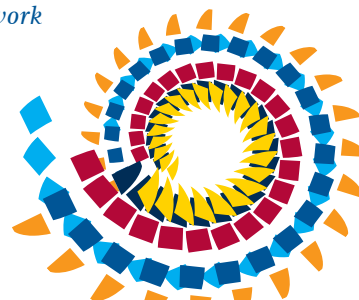
How can my institution become a member of the UNEVOC Network?

If your institution is a leading TVET organization in your country and you would like to take part in international exchange, you are welcome to apply for membership by contacting us at

unevoc.network@unesco.org

Individuals cannot be members of the UNEVOC Network.

www.unevoc.unesco.org/network



I am a TVET specialist. How can I get involved?

To get involved and interact with UNEVOC and the global TVET community, you can become a member of the e-Forum, an online discussion board for TVET managed by UNEVOC. In the forum, you can interact with individuals interested in TVET from all over the world, initiate discussions, share news and communicate events.

www.unevoc.unesco.org/forum

There is a UNEVOC Centre in my country. How can I interact with them?

The roles and mandates of the individual Centres are unique in every country. What they have in common is that all UNEVOC Centres act as national focal points for UNESCO-UNEVOC. For information on how to contact a particular Centre, please visit the UNEVOC Network Directory on our website.

Can I do an internship at UNESCO-UNEVOC?

Yes, the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre regularly provides opportunities for students. For more information visit our employment webpage at

www.unevoc.unesco.org/employment

I am looking for information about TVET. Where can I find it?

UNESCO-UNEVOC acts as a clearinghouse for information related to TVET. We maintain a publications programme that aims to contribute to the international debate on skills development for the world of work. Our case studies, promising practices, discussion papers and information materials feature innovations, good practices and developments in TVET. Most publications are free of charge and available for download.

If you require hard copies, please contact us at

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UNEVOC also maintains a World TVET Database, which is UNESCO-UNEVOC's endeavour to provide concise, reliable and up-to-date information on countries' TVET systems. The country reports intend to enable persons interested or working in TVET around the world to identify trends and challenges in TVET as well as information gaps, and to encourage the comparative study of different countries' TVET systems.

www.unevoc.unesco.org/worldTVETdatabase

We also collect TVET publications in an online library, a resource centre for TVET experts, practitioners and students.

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A pocket guide to
UNESCO-UNEVOC

What does UNESCO-UNEVOC do?

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre is UNESCO's specialized centre for technical and vocational education and training (TVET). From its location in Bonn, Germany, it serves UNESCO Member States worldwide to develop and strengthen their TVET systems and to promote and support countries implement skills development programmes that are relevant, lifelong and accessible to all. UNESCO-UNEVOC focuses on meeting the needs of developing countries, countries in transition and those in a post-conflict situation, especially for youth, girls and women, and the disadvantaged.

What is TVET?

TVET stands for Technical and Vocational Education and Training. It is concerned with the acquisition of knowledge and skills for the world of work. TVET is a comprehensive term that refers to those aspects of education involving, in addition to general education, the study of technologies and related sciences as well as the acquisition of practical skills, attitudes, understanding and knowledge related to specific occupations in various sectors of economic and social life.

A low-skilled population and mismatches between people's skills and the needs of the labour market translate into economic disadvantage and high unemployment, particularly among young people. This in turn can lead to political instability and can have negative consequences for social cohesion. TVET is a powerful means of empowering women and men to work in dignity, overcome poverty and participate in the development of inclusive societies. If skills development policies and programmes really are to make a

difference to learners and workers, they must address their specific needs, be relevant for the job market, of high quality and broadly accessible.

What does UNEVOC stand for?

UNEVOC is a made-up word, combining UNESCO and VOCational education.

Which themes does UNESCO-UNEVOC advocate for?

Based on the needs of its Member Countries, UNESCO-UNEVOC advocates for the development and improvement of TVET systems by addressing specific issues such as the transition of young people from school to work, skills development for employability, green skills for sustainable production and consumption, entrepreneurial skills development and other cross-cutting themes.

We believe that addressing today's challenges through TVET can help alleviate poverty, promote peace, conserve the environment and improve the quality of life for all.

How is UNESCO-UNEVOC funded?

UNESCO-UNEVOC is an integral part of UNESCO and therefore receives funds from UNESCO, as well as from development partners of the German Host Government.

Does UNESCO-UNEVOC offer scholarships or financial assistance?

UNESCO-UNEVOC is not a funding agency and therefore does not provide financial assistance to individuals or organizations.

How does UNESCO-UNEVOC support its Member States?

To assist countries in improving their TVET systems, UNESCO-UNEVOC uses tools such as

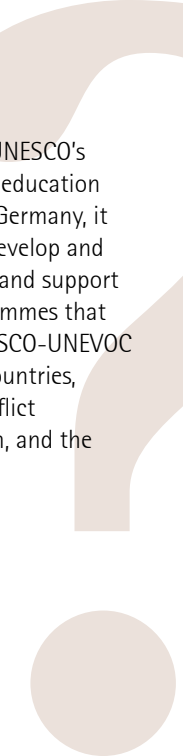
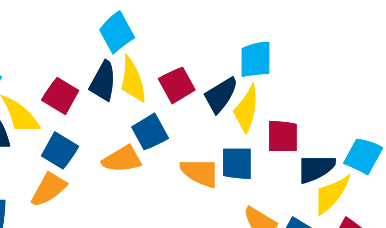
- global networking,
- knowledge sharing and publications,
- advocacy and capacity development, and
- interagency cooperation and partnerships.

What is the UNEVOC Network?

UNEVOC delivers its services to UNESCO Member Countries via its worldwide Network. It consists of specialized TVET institutions in almost all UNESCO Member Countries. These institutions are called UNEVOC Centres. UNEVOC Centres can be TVET sections within ministries of education, national bodies dedicated to TVET policy development, TVET

departments within universities, or TVET institutions at the secondary or post-secondary school level.

Members have the opportunity to collaborate with one another, share information and experiences, discuss issues of common interest and contribute news and events on the UNEVOC Network Portal. This way, the UNEVOC Network fosters interaction and learning through international cooperation and joint activities. By providing an environment for exchange and mutual assistance among experts and institutions that are faced with similar challenges in different parts of the world, we believe that TVET can be guided towards more quality, equity and relevance.



Promoting learning for the world of work

