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# International Expert Consultation Meeting on Technical and Vocational Education and Training

Bonn, Germany  
12 – 13 January 2009

# Introduction to the Meeting

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# Background

- Return of TVET to the development agenda
- UNESCO Ministerial Roundtable on Education and Economic Development (19-20 October 2007)
- Crucial role of skills development for employability and TVET in achieving EFA, LLL, ESD, MDGs, etc.
- TVET is an integral part of UNESCO's mandate in education

- Right of all to have access to high quality and relevant TVET programmes, especially women and girls, the disadvantaged, marginalised and other excluded groups
- TVET is one of three EFA building blocks in UNESCO
- And yet: only 16 of UNESCO's 193 Member States have to date ratified the Convention on Technical and Vocational Education (1999)

# Developing a UNESCO TVET Strategy

- 179<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board of UNESCO (April 2008) adopted Decision 49 calling on the Secretariat to develop a strategy on TVET
- Strategy to presented at the 181<sup>st</sup> Session of the Executive Board (April 2009)
- Strategy to guide UNESCO to provide most effective assistance to its Member States with regard to TVET

- Series of consultations, in collaboration with the German government, to assist UNESCO`s Education Sector in developing a strategy:
  - Interested UNESCO Member States
  - Donor agencies
  - Individual resource experts
  
- Expert Consultation Meeting in Bonn (12-13 January, 2009) is part of this consultation process
  
- Organized by UNESCO Headquarters in partnership with BMBF, and in cooperation with the German Commission for UNESCO and UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for TVET

# Consultation Meeting to Deliberate on Following Main Issues:

- Global concerns and trends in TVET
- National concerns and needs in TVET
- Recommendations: UNESCO's future role at the global level

- Recommendations: UNESCO's future role at the national level
- Areas of cooperation with UNESCO, and resources required for any joint implementation of a successful TVET strategy



# Those invited to participate in this International Expert Consultation Meeting:

- Representatives of UNESCO Member States, including Member States of the UNESCO Executive Board
- Individual TVET experts
- Multilateral organisations
- Bilateral donors

- Development banks
  
- Relevant German authorities:
  - Permanent Delegation of Germany to UNESCO
  - Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
  - Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
  - Federal Ministry for Vocational Training (BIBB)
  - German Commission for UNESCO
  
- UNESCO Paris
  
- UNESCO-UNEVOC Bonn

\* Participants: 56 have accepted the invitation \*

# Adoption of the Draft Agenda for the Meeting



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