

# The UNEVOC NETWORK in action

The UNEVOC Network aims to facilitate international and regional cooperation in TVET. Coordinated by the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre in Bonn, it has a global reach comprising more than 250 centres from 164 countries. The network serves to share promising practices and innovations in TVET and develop the capacities of UNEVOC Centres and TVET practitioners. It also enables UNEVOC Centres to participate in the policy development process.

UNEVOC Centres are housed in TVET institutions and serve as national focal points and a platform for wider cooperation in TVET. Member institutions typically include ministries of education, national bodies dedicated to TVET policy development, TVET teaching institutions and higher education and training institutions carrying out TVET research or teaching.



World Youth Skills Day  
15 July 2015, Bonn, Germany

2015 saw UNESCO-UNEVOC join in the first celebration of World Youth Skills Day when it hosted a special event at the UN Campus in Bonn including a panel discussion on the role of TVET in developing skills for future needs. The date, designated as such by the UN in 2014, aims to raise awareness of the need to invest in young people's skills. 2016 saw UNEVOC Centres in Bhutan, Niger, Nigeria, Mexico and Paraguay mount their own celebrations. Preparations for marking the day in 2017 are underway, including a call to young photographers to participate in UNEVOC's Skills-in-Action Photo Competition.

Launch of UNESCO Strategy for TVET (2016-2021)  
14-15 July 2016, Bonn, Germany

More than 140 TVET stakeholders from 35 countries came to Bonn in mid-July 2016 to witness the launch of the strategy that lays out the principles of UNESCO's work on TVET until 2021. The event, hosted by UNESCO-UNEVOC and held on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day, included a panel discussion on what governments are doing to transform TVET systems to promote youth employability and sustainable development. Representatives of Costa Rica, Morocco, Nigeria and Serbia presented their initiatives on new approaches on how to improve the image of TVET.

Third International Congress on TVET  
14-16 May 2012, Shanghai, People's Republic of China

The Shanghai Consensus, a six-page blueprint for how governments and other stakeholders could go about transforming TVET, was one of the many outputs of the congress. It contained two recommendations for the UNEVOC Network. The first was to gather and disseminate evidence on the many different ways of transforming and expanding TVET. The second was to boost the network's ability to help build the capacities of decision makers and practitioners and to facilitate the involvement of all relevant stakeholders.



UNEVOC Regional Forums:  
Advancing TVET for youth employability and sustainable development

The UNEVOC Network replied to the Shanghai' Consensus's call for stronger knowledge sharing and capacity building. Five events held during the second half of 2013 brought UNEVOC Centres together with other representatives of the TVET community to collect and disseminate evidence-based policies. At regional forums in San José (Costa Rica), Seoul (Republic of Korea), Abuja (Nigeria), Moscow (Russian Federation) and Beirut (Lebanon), the TVET community searched for what works in TVET. This was just one part of the UNEVOC Network's response to the recommendations of the Shanghai Consensus, in particular the call for better sharing of knowledge and capacity-building.



UNESCO-UNEVOC Experts' Meeting,  
17-19 November 2015, Bonn, Germany



UNEVOC TVET Leadership Programme  
17-28 October 2016, Bonn, Germany

Twenty-two senior managers of TVET institutions from around the world attended UNESCO-UNEVOC's first programme on TVET leadership in Bonn on 17-28 October 2016. The intensive two-week programme aims to empower leaders of TVET institutions so they can contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in their daily work. It also hopes to help tackle one of the main bottlenecks to change, namely the lack of transformational leaders at grassroots level. As part of the process of becoming change agents in their institutions, during the first edition participants each developed a proposal for change to take home with them. The next programme will be held in September 2017.

UNESCO-UNEVOC publishes a practical guide on greening TVET for institutions

UNESCO-UNEVOC has published a guide to help TVET institutions in their transition towards sustainability using a whole-institution approach. The four-step process it describes includes the concept, planning, implementation and evaluation of the results.



Meeting of Coordinators of UNEVOC Network Cluster Centres, 12-14 September 2012, Bonn, Germany



Global Forum on Skills for Work and Life post-2015, 14-16 October 2014, Bonn, Germany

Building on the lessons learnt from the regional forums, more than 200 delegates from over 71 countries, including 80 from 62 UNEVOC Centres, met at the global forum in Bonn to discuss the role of TVET in addressing two major global challenges on the post-2015 development agenda — how to make young people more employable and how to achieve sustainable development. The need to take an integrated view of TVET for the world of work and for professional and personal development, as well as for addressing sustainable development issues, was a strong message from the floor. Delegates also called for renewed efforts to develop the capacity to predict which skills will be needed to aid the transition towards sustainable economies and societies.

