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, all over the world, to start 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.

www.unevoc.unesco.org/network

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 unevoc.publications@unesco.org

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UNESCO-UNEVOC 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 in working in TVET around the world to identify trends and challenges in TVET as well as policy 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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**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 UNESCO-UNEVOC do?**

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre is UNESCO’s specialized agency 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 implementing development programmes in TVET. It is relevant, inclusive and accessible to all UNESCO-UNEVOC focuses on meeting the needs of developing countries, countries in transition and those in a post-conflict situation for youth, girls and women, and the disabled.

**What is the UNEVOC Network?**

UNEVOC delivers its services to UNESCO Member Countries via its worldwide Network. It consists of specialized TVET institutions in every UNESCO Member Country. These institutions are called UNEVOC Centres. UNEVOC Centres offer TVET activities in various education and training fields, including TVET curricula and training materials, technology and knowledge, and in某一领域的国际交流活动。