The Rift Valley Technical Training Institute (RVTTI) a recently recognised UNESCO-UNEVOC centre for the East and Central Africa region is proud to congratulate the TVET Authority (TVETA) for successfully hosting the Hands on the future Conference and Kenya Skills show 2017. Indeed RVTTI is proud to be associated with this conference. On our part we have already a brand in the annual RVTTI international conferences. Our annual conferences culminate in the publication of the only TVET journal in Africa the AfriTVET, a peer reviewed Journal. During such conferences, RVTTI always awards the best innovators in the TVET sector with a view of encouraging home-grown solutions by our creative young people. This year we have added another category of awards to include competition of the best presenters of papers focusing on greening of TVET. This is a UNEVOC project for which RVTTI is proud to be associated with.

As an industry leader, RVTTI has been in the forefront in shaping TVET sector growth trends and has contributed immensely to its successes this far. RVTTI is also the only institution that is validated as a centre of excellence in TVET in the East Africa Community Region.

To all stakeholders, as you participate in the conference, perhaps it is high time we interrogate the kind of graduates the TVET sector produces. We in RVTTI have endeavoured to train and produce knowledgeable, skilled, innovative and responsible manpower in Technical and Business disciplines to meet the changing needs of industry and society. This is the only way that Kenya can work towards the realization of its vision 2030 that seeks to transform the country into a newly industrialised middle income country providing high quality life to all its citizens.

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