

<p align="center">BILT Bridging Event</p> <p align="center">TVET for hospitality and tourism: Solutions for the digital and green transition</p> <p align="center">Organised by UNESCO-UNEVOC, BIBB, Temasek Polytechnic (Singapore) Co-hosted by the Ministry of Education Singapore, Chair of the ASEAN TVET Council</p> <p align="center">26-28 June 2023 Singapore and online</p>	
<p align="center">Monday, 26 June 2023 9:00 – 17:00</p> <p align="center">On-site participants only Networking event, Expert Group Meeting All times are indicated in SGT (GMT +8)</p>	
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Arrival Temasek Polytechnic Conference Center</p>
9:00 – 9:15 Temasek Convention Centre	<p>Opening and welcome remarks Moderators: Ms Natalie Ax, BILT Project Officer, UNESCO-UNEVOC and Ms Cara Schmitt, BILT Project Officer, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Lim Teng Leng, Deputy Director International Relations, Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore - Mr Kenny Muscat, Project Manager for BILT, UNESCO-UNEVOC - Ms Katharina Engel, Project Manager for BILT, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany
9:15 – 9:40 Temasek Convention Centre	<p>TVET trends in Asia-Pacific: Innovation and Excellence to accelerate the dual transition Moderator: Ms Natalie Ax, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p>

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	<p><i>A discussion on current TVET trends in Asia-Pacific will set the scene for the three-day event. The session will focus on how TVET institutions can meet the growing demand for green and digital skills by committing to innovation and excellence.</i></p> <p>Speaker: Ms Alexandra Filippova, Assistant Programme Officer, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p>
<p>9:40 – 9:55</p> <p>Temasek Convention Centre</p>	<p>Matchmaking Sessions - Introduction Moderator: Ms Cara Schmitt, BIBB, Germany</p> <p><i>BILT Matchmaking Sessions offer an opportunity to build and strengthen international partnerships among TVET institutions from Asia-Pacific, Africa and Europe. In this context, the event host Temasek Polytechnic will share how they enhance the quality of teaching and learning opportunities through international collaboration and peer-learning.</i></p> <p>Speaker: Mr Lim Teng Leng, Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore</p>
9:55 – 10:05	Transition break
<p>10:05 – 11:20</p> <p>Temasek Convention Centre</p> <p>Room 'Africa'</p>	<p>Matchmaking Sessions I</p> <p>The matchmaking sessions illustrate institutional efforts to translate the TVET qualification and competency development from policy to practice. Participants will join a session of their choice, and share first-hand experiences, engage in peer-learning and meet potential partners for future partnerships and collaboration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Ensuring relevance: Temasek Polytechnic's collaborative approach in preparing students for the hospitality and tourism industry', Mr Benjamin Cassim, Senior Lecturer, Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore 2. 'Digital entrepreneurship training for women in tourism: How to make it really work', Ms Catheryn Khoo, Professor of Hospitality and Tourism, Torrens University, Australia

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Room 'Europe'	3. <i>'Center of vocational manpower networking management'</i> , Mr Nirutt Butrsaenlee , Director of Bureau of Vocational Education Research and Development, Office of the Vocational Education Commission (OVEC), Thailand
11:20 – 12:00	Coffee & networking break
12:00 – 13:15 Temasek Convention Centre Room 'Africa' Room 'Europe'	Matchmaking Sessions II 1. <i>'Duy Tan's approach to training for hospitality and tourism'</i> , Ms Hang Le , Vice Provost, Duy Tan University (DTU), Viet Nam 2. <i>'TVET for hospitality and tourism in Vanuatu'</i> , Mr Jonathan Tarip , Vanuatu Institute of Technology, Vanuatu 3. <i>'Skills for a Resilient Workforce Program'</i> , Mr Mohamed Hashim , Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Maldives Polytechnic, Maldives
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 17:30 Temasek Convention Centre	Meeting of BILT Expert Group (invited participants only) Hybrid working meeting of the BILT Expert Group on the digital and green transition in the hospitality and tourism sector
14:30 – 15:45	Visit Temasek Polytechnic (for Non-Expert Group Participants) <i>Guided tour of learning and teaching facilities</i> - Temasek Tourism Academy - TP E-Commerce Centre
15:45-17:15	Visit to Singapore Zoo (For Non-Expert Group Participants)
18:30	Joint Dinner at Singapore Mandai Zoo for all BILT Participants Hosted by Temasek Polytechnic

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<p>Tuesday, 27 June 2023 9:00 – 17:00</p> <p>Hybrid: On-site and online All times are indicated in SGT (GMT +8)</p>	
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Arrival Online and on-site</p>
<p>9:00 – 9:25</p> <p>Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online</p> <p><i>English-German translation</i></p>	<p>Opening ceremony Moderator: Mr Benjamin Cassim, Temasek Polytechnic</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Peter Lam, Principal & CEO, Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore - Mr Christoph Hallier, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy Singapore - Ms Karima El Korri, UN Resident Coordinator - Ms Catrin Hannken, Deputy Director General for VET, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany - Mr Friedrich Huebler, Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC
<p>9:25 – 10:15</p> <p>Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online</p> <p><i>English-German translation</i></p>	<p>Inclusive, flexible, excellent TVET: Requirements for promoting the digital and green transition</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Michael Wiechert, Deputy Head of Department 'VET International', Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany</p> <p>Keynote: Mr Friedrich Hubert Esser, President, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany</p> <p>Impulse talks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Karen Chong, Coordinating Divisional Director of Higher Education Group, Ministry of Education (MOE), Singapore (holding the Chair of the ASEAN TVET Council) - Mr Hambani Masheleni, Acting Director, Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission - Ms Catrin Hannken, BMBF, Germany

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<p>10:15 – 11:00</p> <p>Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online</p> <p><i>English-German translation</i></p>	<p>Future-proofing TVET systems for the dual transition – Panel discussion with Q&A</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Michael Wiechert, BIBB, Germany</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Friedrich Hubert Esser, BIBB, Germany - Ms Karen Chong, MOE, Singapore - Mr Hambani Masheleni, African Union Commission - Ms Catrin Hannken, BMBF, Germany
<p>11:00 – 11:45</p>	<p>Coffee & networking break, group photo for on-site participants</p> <p>Online: opportunity to explore the networking area on the conference platform and connect with peers 1:1 via chat or video</p> <p>On-site: a group photo will be taken</p>
<p>11:45 – 13:00</p> <p>Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online</p>	<p>Breakout sessions ‘Critical core skills in hospitality and tourism’ (2 parallel sessions)</p> <p><i>The objective of these sessions is to share and discuss how critical core skills can be identified across current and newly emerging disciplines, within the hospitality and tourism industry, and how they can be integrated into general TVET frameworks.</i></p> <p>Breakout session I</p> <p>Public and private sector: Jointly addressing labour and skills shortage</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Katharina Engel, BIBB, Germany</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr El Cid H. Castillo, Acting Executive Director, Qualifications and Standards Office, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Philippines - Mr Dato J. Palaniappan, Chairman, ASEAN Future Workforce Council Secretariat

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Room 'Africa'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Christopher Wan, Dean, Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism Management, UCSI University Sarawak Campus, Malaysia <p>Breakout session II</p> <p>TVET research and practice: Developing competency-based curricula</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Kenny Muscat, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Dong-Man Na, Senior Research Fellow, Employment, Skills Development, and Qualifications Research Division, Korean Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training (KRIVET), Republic of Korea - Mr Nguyen Van Cuong, Officer, Department of Continuing Training, General Directorate of Vocational Education and Training (GDVET), Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA), Viet Nam
13:00 – 15:00 Online only	<p>Virtual gallery of innovative TVET practices</p> <p>Moderators: Ms Valbona Makovci, Student Assistant, BIBB, Germany and Mr Liucheng Pan, Expert on Loan, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p><i>The virtual gallery on the conference platform will display innovative TVET practices and provide an opportunity to connect with the implementing institutions for peer-learning.</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00 Temasek Convention Centre	<p>Panel discussion with industry partners from the hospitality and tourism industry</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Benjamin Cassim, Temasek Polytechnic</p> <p><i>The intent of this session is to explore which core skills and competencies increase employability from an industry perspective. The panel discussion will outline the role industrial players have in the training of TVET students.</i></p>

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	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Rino Vitelli, Head of EU Projects and Partnerships, Federturismo Confindustria, Italy - Mr Stewart Fu, Director of Learning & Development, The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore - Ms Nisha Abu Bakar, Co-Founder and Principal Consultant, World Women Tourism
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee & networking break
16:00 – 17:30	Study visit to ITE College West <i>Guided tour of learning and teaching facilities.</i>
18:30	Joint dinner at Pistachio Hosted by UNESCO-UNEVOC

<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, 28 June 2023 9:00 – 14:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hybrid: On-site and online All times are indicated in SGT (GMT +8)</p>	
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival Online and on-site
9:00 – 9:05 Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online	Opening and welcome remarks Moderator: Mr Benjamin Cassim , Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Michael Schwarz, Deputy Head of Division 'International Advisory Services / Cooperation with Partner Institutions', BIBB, Germany

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<p>9:05 – 9:45</p> <p>Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online</p>	<p>Keynote and Q&A: The Singapore TVET Framework for Pre-Employment and Continuing Education</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Benjamin Cassim, Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore</p> <p><i>This keynote address offers a discussion on Singapore's approach to developing a future-oriented TVET framework based on the critical core skills that can be applied to not just the current business landscape, but also aid in future-proofing the existing workforce as well as those entering the workforce.</i></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Tai Jo Fang, Assistant Director of Jobs-Skills Insights Division, SkillsFuture Singapore
<p>9:45 – 11:00</p> <p>Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online</p>	<p>Critical core skills in hospitality and tourism: Innovative TVET practices</p> <p>Moderators: Ms Franziska Wettstein, Expert, Development of Occupations, and Mr Erik Swars, Head of International Affairs, Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training (SFUVET), Switzerland (Expert Group Lead)</p> <p><i>The objective of these sessions is to present practical approaches to incorporating new industry requirements for digital and green skills and competencies into TVET training and learning. Participants will join a session of their choice and have opportunities to discuss and share approaches and promising practices.</i></p> <p>Session I: Digital skills in TVET training and learning</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Enrique Blanco, Projects & Communications Manager, École d'Hôtellerie et de Tourisme Paul Dubrule (EHT), Cambodia (Expert Group Co-Lead)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Digital Micro-credentials for Tourism and Hospitality' Mr John Hart, Chairman, Tourism Training Australia, Australia - 'DigiTrade - Digital Skills Accelerator' Ms Christine Gimonge, Program Coordinator, Westerwelle Startup Haus Arusha, Tanzania - 'Preparation and Readiness for Digitization in Tourism and Hospitality Industry – CiMSO'

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	Mr Johan Marais , Chief Marketing Officer, CiMSO Business Solutions, South Africa and Namibia
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:45 Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online	<p>Session II: Green Skills in TVET training and learning Moderator: Mr Billy Wadongo, Head of Research, Innovation & Business, Boma International Hospitality College (BIHC), Kenya (Expert Group Co-Lead)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'EcoCampus Project – Green flag for TVET institutions' Mr Francois Schnoebelen, Director, École d'Hôtellerie et de Tourisme Paul Dubrule (EHT), Cambodia - 'Diploma in Climate Friendly Travel' Mr Geoffrey Lipman, President at SunX, Strong Universal Network, Malta - 'The Lab Hotel' Ms Nicole Agnew, Innovation Project Manager & Coach, The Lab Hotel, Switzerland
12:45 – 13:10 Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online	<p>The BILT project: Status quo and where do we want to go? Moderator: Mr Friedrich Huebler, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p><i>This session will place BILT in the context of international TVET strategies and policies such as the UNESCO-TVET Strategy 2022-2029. The goal is to explore ways for the BILT Community to actively participate and contribute to project activities and to jointly discuss future milestones for the BILT project.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Nicholas Ouma, Senior Youth Advisor, African Union Commission - Mr Michael Schwarz, BIBB, Germany
13:10 – 13:15	<p>Closing Moderator: Mr Friedrich Huebler, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p>

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Temasek Convention Centre, streamed online	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Catrin Hannken, BMBF, Germany - Mr Aw Tuan Kee, Deputy Principal/CEO, Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	<p>UNEVOC Network members meeting (invited participants only)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Ken Barrientos, Regional Focal Point for Asia and the Pacific, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p><i>Update from UNEVOC Centres on current initiatives and future plans; opportunities for engagement.</i></p>

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