

# Technical plenary on TVET flagship initiatives addressing the multiple transitions

**Digital Transformation of TVET** 

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The Skills for Work initiative at the Commonwealth of Learning focuses on the use of distance education and open learning in technical and vocational skills development

## Impact of digital technologies in the delivery of TVET

- TVET systems, especially in developing countries, are vulnerable
  - reduced access to TVET, especially for girls/ women/ PWD, and other vulnerable groups
  - increased cost of TVET delivery high cost of internet and relevant/ inclusive digital tools and platforms
  - quality and relevance of TVET is compromised SSAC/IAC
- There is unbalanced skill structure, that is unable to reflect the real pattern of skill demand from industry, occasioned by global trends and disruptions
- National classification of occupations in developing countries do not include specialization for the delivery of TVET using open and distance learning – learning architects/ content creators/ technical/ pedagogical support teams, among others
- Challenge with skills anticipation for the future of jobs in new/ substituted/ redefined/ transformed jobs in green and emerging sectors that are driven by digital technologies



### what is being done differently to keep pace with the fast-changing technological demands

- Through partnership with UNESCO-UNEVOC, Commonwealth of Learning is using an integrated eco-system approach to futureproof TVET systems for increased employability in decent jobs, green jobs, for a just transition and environmentally sustainable societies for all The aim is to transform of TVET systems for hybrid/ blended delivery of TVET for hybrid/ blended work in digital/ gig/ platform/ green economies, through:
  - development or review of national and institutional policies, strategies, standards & accreditation tools to strengthen TVET for employability in emerging green jobs that are decent
  - mentoring and capacity building of regulators to monitor, evaluate and quality assure delivery of TVET in a blended/ hybrid format
    - Ongoing Sub-Saharan Africa, in Zambia and The Gambia
    - Current Caribbean region, in partnership with CANTA
    - Next Pacific region



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 Commonwealth of Learning also focuses on strengthening the delivery of TVET using hybrid/ blended learning approaches and technologies in:

#### Institution based TVET

- redesigning content for blended/ hybrid delivery of TVET using national qualifications
- Skilling, upskilling, reskilling, and unskilling of TVET trainers for blended/ hybrid delivery of competency based TVET using hybrid/ blended approaches and technologies
- Open competency based standards/ framework or qualifications for hybrid/ blended trainers
- Development of an exemplar course for CBT pedagogy and essential skills

## Enterprise based TVET

- Pedagogical upskilling of master craftsmen and women in the informal sector
- Apprenticeships/ internships/ learnerships/ industrial attachment RPL and micro credentials

