The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
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Dual responsibilities

- UNESCO’s specialist international centre for TVET

- Hub of worldwide TVET networks:
  - UNEVOC Network of TVET institutions, currently 270 in 166 UNESCO Member States
  - e-Forum
Programme activities focus on:

- Education for All and TVET
- Education for Sustainable Development and TVET
- Strengthening and upgrading the worldwide UNEVOC networks to improve and foster collaboration in developing and strengthening TVET
TVET within UNESCO

Some areas of Concern within EFA, DESD etc.

- TVET systems
- Informal and non-formal education
- Secondary education reform
- Lifelong learning
- Training of TVET trainers
- Vocationalisation of higher education
Tools used:

- Laboratory of ideas
- Knowledge development and knowledge sharing
- Publications
- Advisory services direct to Member States
- Strengthening the UNEVOC Networks
- Inter-agency collaboration
UNESCO UNEVOC Website
www.unevoc.unesco.org

- Always up-to-date on UNEVOC and TVET: News, events, features (RSS feed available)
- Subscription to UNEVOC services: e-Forum, UNEVOC Bulletin
- Comprehensive search for UNEVOC Publications (most available for download)
- UNEVOC Network Directory easily accessible via online database
UNESCO-UNEVOC e-Forum

- Mailing list TVET experts worldwide (since 2000): Practitioners, Researchers, Members of International Organisations and other individuals working in TVET
- Access via www.unevoc.unesco.org/e-Forum
- Online interface:
  > Threaded view
  > Search messages
Examples of issues discussed so far in 2008:

- Curriculum revision and redesign
- Enhancing TVET in Liberia
- Evaluation and assessment of work-based learning,
- Competency Based & Quality Assurance as applied to TVET in Secondary Schools,
- Incorporating ICT in training facilitation, etc.
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- Other common e-Forum content:
  > Inquiries for TVET information, e.g. curriculum materials or samples of legal texts
  > Finding partners for international cooperation in research and development
  > Announcements of international conferences and workshops
  > Information on publications and on resources available on the Internet
UNESCO-UNEVOC e-Forum

A growing online community

- Around 1000 members (May 2008) from about 140 countries.
- 50% of members are from developing countries.
- In 2008, around 100 messages per month were sent to the e-Forum.

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UNEVOC Online Conferences

- Moderated online conferences
- Free of charge
- “Two pathways, one destination - TVET for a sustainable future” (22/10-10/11/2007)
- More than 100 participants from around the world
- Next online conference in 2008
Next steps: An Active UNEVOC Online Community

- Development of an online UNEVOC Community / TVET Portal
- Creation of an Internet forum for the sharing of best practices and TVET expertise
- Demand-driven approach
TVETipedia – An open TVET Portal

A quick glance at our future plans
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- In 2008, UNEVOC will officially launch a new online portal for the exchange of knowledge on TVET
- It is based on easy-to-use “wiki” technology
- TVET experts worldwide can create accounts and add/edit content
- Quality is assured by UNEVOC editorial team
- Competitive advantage: focus on TVET, yet broad and global: policies, learning materials, curricula, etc.
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