How it works

The Global Skills Academy leverages strategic partnerships and mobilizes over 230 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions across 150 countries through UNESCO and the UNEVOC Network. The mission connects individual learners, institutions, and governments to a wide range of training programmes offered by UNESCO’s Global Education Coalition partners to support youth and adults in their journeys to developing essential skills and competencies for improved employability and resilience.

Why it is needed

More than 1/5 of people aged 15-34 globally remain disengaged from education, employment, or training. Moreover, with the rapid technological, economic, and societal transformations happening worldwide, it is crucial for young people to acquire the necessary skills to navigate these challenges effectively and fulfill their potential. To address this issue, the Global Skills Academy supports learners in developing key 21st century skills including digital, entrepreneurial and green skills. It provides various training opportunities for skilling, upskilling, and reskilling that are tailored to the fast-evolving labour market.

An ambitious goal

Aligned with the 2022-2029 UNESCO Strategy for TVET: Transforming TVET for successful and just transitions, the Global Skills Academy is scaling up to equip 10 million learners with skills for decent jobs that can accelerate the transition to more inclusive, sustainable and resilient economies by 2029.

Global Skills Academy highlights as of June 2023

- 839,000+ learners
- 25 partners from the Global Education Coalition
- 170+ TVET institutions mobilized across the world

63 countries
- Africa
- Arab States
- Asia and the Pacific
- Europe
- Latin America and the Caribbean

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