

Towards a Global TVET Agenda: Webinar Series

Episode 2

Strengthening TVET systems through network collaboration

Thursday, 3 September, 16:00-17:30 CEST

Context

“Towards a Global TVET Agenda” ([TGTA](#)) is a multilateral initiative to strengthen international cooperation and position Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as a key driver of quality education, decent work, inclusive economic growth and resilient societies.

Launched in October 2025 at the UNESCO-UNEVOC Global TVET Forum in Berlin, TGTA is driven and funded by the German Government through the Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMBFSFJ). It brings together leading international organizations within a single coordinated framework, linking policy dialogue, data development and implementation support.

Core partners are:

- The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for TVET (**UNESCO-UNEVOC**)
- International Labour Organization (**ILO**)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (**OECD**)
- European Training Foundation (**ETF**)

The German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) supports the development and implementation of TGTA. Further national, regional and global organizations, such as WorldSkills International as an associated partner, contribute to advance evidence-based TVET development.

To TVET policymakers, social partners, researchers and providers, TGTA offers access to platforms for dialogue, policy guidance, comparable data, leadership development and implementation support. It improves coherence across initiatives, strengthens TVET networks and accelerates the scaling of TVET excellence and innovation across regions.

The TGTA webinar series offers a space to promote the outcomes and impact of the TGTA initiative, as well as explore opportunities for joint action. Each episode focuses on a key pillar of the initiative to explore:

- TVET data (OECD)
- knowledge sharing and capacity building (UNESCO-UNEVOC)
- vocational excellence (ETF)
- social partnership and work-based learning (ILO)
- reflections on collaboration towards a global TVET agenda (BIBB)

Join us on 3 September for the second episode of the TGTA webinar series, where we will look at how strong networks form the backbone of the TGTA Initiative. As demonstrated by the UNEVOC Network, we will see how knowledge generation and sharing as well as capacity development are cornerstones in building resilient TVET systems.

Episode 2 – Strengthening TVET systems through network collaboration

Strengthening TVET systems requires collective action that extends beyond institutional or national capacities. Networks create conditions that foster this collaboration by connecting policymakers, practitioners, researchers and industry partners to exchange knowledge, build institutional capabilities and learn from diverse experiences.

This webinar explores how networks underpin international cooperation in TVET. Drawing on over 30 years of experience, the webinar will focus on the UNEVOC Network and TGTA flagship projects linked to the Network, namely the TVET Leadership Programme, the Coaction Initiative and global and regional policy and peer-learning forums.

When:

- Date: **Thursday, 3 September 2026, 16:00-17:30 CEST**
- Webinar: [Registration link](#)
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Agenda:

16:00 – 16:05	Welcome Katharina Engel, Team Lead “Towards a Global TVET Agenda”, BIBB
16:05 – 16:10	Introduction to UNESCO-UNEVOC and the UNEVOC Network Friedrich Huebler, Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC
16:10 – 16:45	Pitch round - Leveraging network knowledge for: • Idea incubation - UNEVOC Network Coaction Initiative Constanze Kuesel, Manager of International Projects, Chamber of Skilled Crafts Koblenz (HWK), Germany • Policy exchange - Global and regional forums - BILT bridging event in Malaysia Affero Ismail, Head of Digital Innovation Centre, University Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM), UNESCO Chair on TVET Educators • TVET leadership development – UNESCO-UNEVOC TVET Leadership Programme Juan Ignacio Venegas-Muggli, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Development, INACAP, Chile and Ruusa Omagano Iitula, Manager - TVET Standards, Namibia Training Authority Moderators: Sebastian Ciolek, Project Manager “Towards a Global TVET Agenda” Initiative, BIBB; Natalie Ax, Project Manager for BILT, Innovation and Excellence in TVET, UNESCO-UNEVOC
16:45 – 17:00	Q&A session
17:00 – 17:25	Panel discussion - How do we leverage networks to set the agenda for the future of TVET: fostering innovation and contributing to more resilient TVET systems Panellists: • Christine Hofmann, Team Lead on Skills for Social Inclusion, ILO Regional Office in Africa • Friedrich Huebler, Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC • Susanne M. Nielsen, Senior Expert, European Training Foundation • Cara Schmitt, Project Officer “Towards a Global TVET Agenda” Initiative, BIBB Moderator: Jessica Rosenfeld, Project Assistant “Towards a Global TVET Agenda” Initiative, BIBB
17:25 – 17:30	Closing remarks Jessica Rosenfeld, BIBB