

▶ UNEVOC on the World Wide Web

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre uses the Internet to provide information about technical and vocational education and training on its website at:

www.unevoc.unesco.org

The Centre's website covers such areas as:

- **UNEVOC Network**
 - UNEVOC Centres worldwide
 - Other network partners
- **Activities**
 - Stimulating regional co-operation
 - Promoting TVET for all
- **Services**
 - Information Services
 - UNESCO-UNEVOC Electronic Mail Forum
- **Information Resources**
 - Publications
 - UNESCO-UNEVOC Bulletin
 - Conventions and Recommendations
 - Second International Congress on TVET, Seoul 1999.

Most of the information resources can be downloaded.
- **Calendar**
 - Forthcoming and recent events
- **About UNESCO-UNEVOC**
 - Purpose and History
 - Contact

▶ Off-line Access to the Web Pages



For those without online access to the World Wide Web, an "off-line version" of the UNESCO-UNEVOC Web pages is available on a CD-ROM, which can be obtained free of charge from the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre.

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre is UNESCO's specialised centre for technical and vocational education and training (TVET).

From its location in Bonn, Germany, it serves UNESCO Member States worldwide to develop and strengthen TVET.

It mainly focuses on:

- Promoting best and innovative practices in TVET,
- Developing TVET systems,
- Improving access to TVET, and
- Assuring quality of TVET.

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre focuses on meeting the needs of developing countries, countries in transition and those in a post-conflict situation, especially for youth, girls and women, and the disadvantaged.

The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre uses tools such as:

- Networking,
- Knowledge sharing and publications,
- Interagency collaboration and partnerships,
- Advisory services, and
- Training and human resources development.

The most prominent of its networks is the UNEVOC Network, which consists of more than 220 specialised TVET institutions in more than 150 countries.



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The UNESCO-UNEVOC Electronic Mail Forum (E-Forum)

▶ UNESCO-UNEVOC E-Forum

The UNESCO-UNEVOC Electronic Mail Forum (E-Forum) is an Internet-based service provided by the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre. Its purpose is to facilitate the international exchange of information and knowledge in technical and vocational education and training (TVET).

The E-Forum brings together educators, researchers and other interested people from around the world to share information on a non-commercial basis.

It links the UNEVOC Network with a range of other relevant networks and individuals.

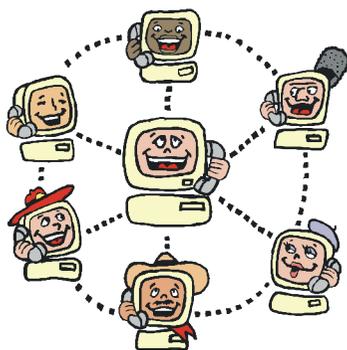
The E-Forum has been operational since 1998. Participation is free of charge.

▶ E-Forum Topics

The E-Forum is open to sharing information and knowledge in technical and vocational education and training.

This may include:

- Inquiries for materials that would be useful for professional work in TVET, and that may be available abroad, 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.



▶ How the E-Forum Works

Messages to be disseminated to the participants of the E-Forum are sent to the following e-mail address:

forum@unevoc.unesco.org

These messages are then forwarded to all E-Forum participants. As a subscriber, you are encouraged to participate actively by sending and by replying to messages through the E-Forum. You are also free to simply benefit from the information arriving in your electronic mailbox. However, if a topic arises to which you are able to contribute, you may wish to reply to the author of that message, or send your comments to forum@unevoc.unesco.org to share your views and expertise with all participants in the E-Forum.

The E-Forum is being moderated by the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre; thus, it enjoys freedom from advertisements, spam and viruses.

Messages should be in plain text-only format and should not include any attachments.

▶ How to Join the E-Forum

Access to the Internet and an e-mail address are required to join the E-Forum. To join, send the following information to

forum@unevoc.unesco.org

- Your first and last name and your country of residence;
- The name of your institution, if applicable;
- Your e-mail address;
- Your professional interest in TVET.

For example, your e-mail could read as follows:

Dear colleagues,
My name is Ms Sabine BROWN.
I am curriculum developer for the commercial/business sector at the Institute for Vocational Education of the Republic of XY.
E-mail address: myname@domain.xy.
I wish to participate in the E-Forum.

You will receive confirmation via e-mail that you have become a participant in the E-Forum, and you will begin receiving E-Forum messages. If you wish to leave the E-Forum at a later stage, please inform forum@unevoc.unesco.org that you do not wish to receive E-Forum messages any longer, indicating the e-mail address under which you subscribed.

▶ Alternative Access to the E-Forum

Internet is gaining importance throughout the world. Currently the E-Forum links about 400 professionals from more than 100 countries as well as from some 25 international organisations.

Nevertheless, not all interested partners in the various regions of the world have access to e-mail.

From our international partners in the UNEVOC Network, we therefore also accept short queries, announcements and comments for the E-Forum by fax or postal mail. The UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre will channel such communication into the E-Forum.

▶ E-Forum Archives

Should you wish to be informed about recent communications in the E-Forum, please check the UNESCO-UNEVOC Web Pages at www.unevoc.unesco.org/forum. Under "E-Forum Archives", monthly archives of E-Forum messages are available.

▶ Further Advice on Access to the Internet

With the rapid expansion of the Internet, more and more partners in the UNEVOC Network have direct access to the Internet, via Electronic Mail and the World Wide Web.

For those who do not as yet have such access, UNESCO is seeking to mobilise assistance.

Useful information about access to the Internet is available in various publications, such as the booklet "At ease with e-mail – A Handbook on using electronic mail for NGOs in developing countries", published by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS), Geneva, and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, New York Office; see also

www.fes.de/organisation/america/handbook/

A document entitled "Internet in the UNEVOC Network: Information for UNEVOC Centres" can be obtained from the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre, or downloaded from:

www.unevoc.unesco.org/publications
(see 11. Information, Communication and Networking).