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Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

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Key Discussion Points

Global Research on TVET

Detlev's research on TVET showed that in countries with a good TVET-system, young people find it easier and faster to get a good and appropriate job. Furthermore, it appeared that countries with blended learning TVET-systems (combining learning and practice) perform better in the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME)-sector than countries with just theoretical TVET-training. It was clear that TVET-schools who had been organized with the help of community-engagement, were in many ways more sustainable than TVET-centres that had been established through government policy only.

Promotion of TVET

It was concluded that TVET was nowadays seen as one of the top-priorities in education worldwide. Moreover, it was generally accepted that TVET should be a prime issue among the GAP-priorities 4 and 5. UNU-IAS with its RCE-network was considered an ideal organization to play a crucial role here, as the RCEs are, par excellence, designed to understand the needs of the local/regional communities. From this position they should be the ideal partner for UNESCO, International Labour Organization (ILO) and others to invite these local communities to translate the demands from regions into practical TVET-propositions.

NGO for the promotion of Community-based TVET

Jos informed the attendees about the initiative to establish an international NGO for the promotion of Community-Based TVET-centres and schools. All attendants welcome this initiative and would like to collaborate. It was decided that Jos, Detlev and others would develop the initiative and get back to all colleagues with more information about (free) membership soon. This new NGO would not be relevant to UNU alone, but it appeared to be advisable to receive acknowledgments from as many international organizations as possible (UNESCO, ILO, IAU, UNIDO, International Chamber of Commerce, UNDP, and other)

Action Points

Establish an NGO to promote Community-based TVET

1. The NGO shall be established as a legal entity, probably a Foundation, with a clear strategy. Following this strategy, an appropriate structure would have to be developed, before reporting back to the attendees of the TVET-workshop. International liaisons would be a central focus of this NGO
2. Apart from international networking, one of the main tasks of this NGO would be to connect those who want to start-up or make progress in TVET, and those who can act

as role models in this respect. Hence collecting of good practices will be an important activity of this institution.

Attendees

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