2017
Youth Declaration
on the Future of Skills
and TVET

The International TVET Youth Forum

The first International TVET Youth Forum was held on 14th and 15th October during WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017. This event was the first of its kind and a unique opportunity for young professionals to shape the future of skills.

Working in six Think Tanks, participants wrote a Youth Declaration on the future of skills and TVET: the starting point of a powerful legacy and a trigger for concrete global action.

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INTRODUCTION

We, the youth of the world, represented by 300 professionals and vocational students from 62 different countries, have all joined hands for a common purpose: the future of skills and TVET. We have gathered at the first International TVET Youth Forum on 14th and 15th October, 2017 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and drafted the following declaration,

Building on Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development of the United Nations, adopted on 25th September 2015 and signed by 193 countries;
Recognizing the pivotal role the youth has to play in supporting and shaping all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals;
Stressing the importance of skills in the present era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution;
Responding to the challenges that the youth and TVET are facing in the present age.

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For the past two months, we have exchanged our views and reflected on key issues surrounding both the future of skills and current global challenges.

The International TVET Youth Forum presented us with the opportunity of shaping the future we want to see. Having now consolidated our talks and planned their legacy, we present the outcome of our collaboration: the first Youth Declaration on the Future of Skills and TVET.

THE THINK TANKS

THINK INNOVATION

Article 1: Skills education and knowledge fuel the growth of a smart city.

Article 2: We believe that there should be balance between job readiness and adaptability.

Article 3: Skills such as adaptability, creativity and flexibility will foster tomorrow's innovation.

THINK HAPPINESS AND TOLERANCE

Article 4: Diverse and inclusive educational systems are the key to building happy and tolerant societies.

Article 5: Building awareness on vocational education is the gateway to happiness.

Article 6: We strongly recommend raising awareness on TVET through government advocacy and educational reform.

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THINK GREEN

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Article 7: TVET curriculums should incorporate an environmentally sustainable approach, and adhere to international standards and regulations.

Article 8: By promoting a frugal mindset, we can innovate more, using less.

Article 9: Investing in sustainable skills is the first step to ensuring global environmental sustainability.

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THINK GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Article 10: Education is the passport to creating a network of young global citizens.

Article 11: We recommend the creation of an organization or network dedicated to promoting and connecting success stories.

Article12: Aligning global skill requirements with local education practices can help us achieve social equity, sustainability and prosperity.

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THINK INDUSTRY 4.0

Article 13: In a globalized world, the data revolution will increase the need for dynamic skills for future jobs.

Article 14: Educational transformation through IT and soft skills will empower individuals to navigate tomorrow's smart industry.

Article 15: Lifelong learning is a fundamental mindset for skilled youths in a complex future.

THINK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Article 16: The sharing economy can be a catalyst for the ways we buy, learn, and the way we develop our careers.

Article 17: We need to build an environment that encourages an entrepreneurial mindset at all levels of society.

Article 18: Storytelling, skill-building and strategizing are the keys to successful entrepreneurship.

CONCLUSION

We, the youth of the world, stand united behind this declaration and commit ourselves to: abide by it, carry it home, become its ambassadors and ensure its positive outcome and long-lasting resonance.

We urge private and individual actors as well as international stakeholders to take a stand with us and work towards the implementation of these eighteen proposals.

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