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INTERNATIONAL

TVET CONFERENCE

9-11 September 2026

Mövenpick Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

**Skills That Work: Advancing Industry-TVET Collaboration
for Sustainable Skills and Global Competitiveness**

PROGRAMME





Background

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) plays an important role in preparing young people for work and providing industry with the skills it needs to grow. As technology, production systems and labour markets change, training must also evolve. TVET therefore needs to provide practical, relevant and future-ready skills that respond to real opportunities in the economy.

Kenya has undertaken reforms to strengthen the quality and relevance of TVET. These include greater focus on competency-based training, stronger links to labour market needs, improved trainer capacity, modern training approaches, assessment and qualifications recognition, digital and green skills, and more inclusive training.

A key part of these reforms is stronger collaboration between industry and TVET institutions. Employers understand the skills required in the workplace. TVET institutions have the mandate and capacity to prepare young people for these opportunities. Bringing the two closer together can improve training, expand workplace learning and help young people move more smoothly from training into employment. It can also help companies access skilled workers and improve productivity.

Against this background, the International TVET Conference 2026 will take place from 9 to 11 September 2026 under the theme **"Skills That Work: Advancing Industry-TVET Collaboration for Sustainable Skills and Global Competitiveness."**

The three-day conference will bring together government, industry, TVET institutions, development partners and international experts, 500 delegates and 50 exhibitors in total. The programme will explore labour market relevance, industry participation, modern teaching technologies, trainer development, sustainable financing, green and digital skills, gender and inclusion, assessment and qualifications recognition, and workplace-based learning. It will provide a platform to share Kenyan and international experiences, learn from different TVET and workforce development systems, and identify practical solutions that can be adapted, sustained and scaled.

International collaboration is equally important. Countries face many shared challenges in preparing people for changing labour markets, but they also bring different experiences and solutions. Learning from other skills systems can help Kenya identify approaches that work, adapt them to the local context and avoid reinventing solutions. International partnerships also create opportunities to exchange knowledge, strengthen institutions, improve training approaches and build connections that support skills development, employment and global competitiveness. This international perspective is reflected in the programme through contribution and participation of speakers and delegates from various countries.

The conference will combine keynote addresses, plenary discussions, international perspectives, breakout sessions and an exhibition showcasing training solutions, technologies, student projects and industry innovations.

The conference is organized by the Ministry of Education, State Department for TVET, with support from the Governments of Finland, South Korea and Germany. GIZ provides technical support to the conference.

INTERNATIONAL TVET CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Theme: Skills That Work: Advancing Industry - TVET Collaboration for Sustainable Skills and Global Competitiveness

Venue: Mövenpick Hotel, Nairobi | **Date:** 9 - 11 September 2026

DAY 1: Wednesday, 9th September 2026

TIME	SESSION
0800 – 0900	Arrival and onsite registration Registration of participants, exhibitors, media, VIPs and invited guests
0900 – 1700	Exhibition Opens TVET institutions, companies, and innovators showcase training solutions, technologies, student projects and industry innovations
0900 – 0930	Arrival of Chief Guest and Exhibition Walkthrough Chief Guest and VIP delegation tour selected exhibition booths
0930 – 1045	Official Opening Ceremony Entertainment / National Anthems - Setting the Scene: Conference meaning and expected outcomes - Mr. Gideon Murenga, Senior TVET Advisor, GIZ Kenya - Remarks by Industry Representative - Remarks by Embassy of Korea - Remarks by Embassy of Finland - Remarks by Embassy of Germany - Remarks by Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria, Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET - Remarks by Hon. Julius Migos Ogamba, Cabinet Secretary for Education - Official opening address by H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto – President of the Republic of Kenya
1100 – 1130	Group Photo and Health Break Official group photo, media engagement and networking

1130 – 1155	Keynote Address 1 (Virtual) Keynote Speaker: Prof. Young-bum Park, Professor Emeritus, Hansung University; former President, HRD Korea and KRIVET Topic: From Training to Competitiveness: Lessons from Korea's Workforce Development System
1155 – 1220	Keynote Address 2: Ms. Niina Tenhio, Chief Specialist, FinCEED / Finnish Centre of Expertise in Education and Development. Topic: Future-Ready Skills Systems: Quality, Innovation and Global Competitiveness in TVET
1220 – 1300	International Perspectives Session: Global Lessons on Industry - TVET Collaboration (Virtual) Short inputs from selected international speakers: • Mr. Christian Käser, BSZ Erding, Germany • Mr. Stephen Theron, Senior Education, TVET and Youth Employability Expert, South Africa
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break Networking and exhibition visits
1400 – 1530	Plenary 1: Skills That Work - Aligning TVET with Jobs, Labour Markets and Industrial Transformation How TVET can respond to labour market needs, support industrial growth, improve youth employability and strengthen public-private collaboration Panel Discussion • Dr. Joseph Kanyi, Director Dual TVET Division, Kenya • Mr. Ocean Matimba, Director of Assessments and Certification, TEVETA Zambia • Mr. Nhyira Sarfo Adu-Amankwah, Director of Labour – Ministry of Labour, Jobs and Employment, Ghana • Dr. Jai Joon Hur, Senior Research Fellow, KDS; former President, Korea Labor Institute

	• Ms. Jane Muigai-Kamphuis, Director Toolkit Skills and Innovation Hub • Mr. Andrew Olea, Strathmore Educational Trust Moderator: Mr. Gideon Murenga, Senior TVET Advisor, GLZ Kenya
1530 – 1630	Plenary 2: Industry Voices - What Companies Need from TVET and What They Can Offer Company representatives discuss skills gaps, workplace-based training, productivity, company incentives, and long-term partnership models Panel Discussion • Mr. Steven Obiro, Federation of Kenyan Employers (FKE) • Mr. Dela Gadzanku, Vice President, SMES – Association of Ghana Industries • Mr. Zingani Ngoma, Director HR and Admin - Nkana Waters, Zambia • Mr. Harrison Ikunda, CEO, Kenya Motor Repairs Association (KEMRA) • Ms. Diana Masila, Branch Manager, KONE East Africa Moderator: Mr. Geoffrey Kamau, National TVET Coordinator, State Department for TVET
1645 – 1700	Day 1 Wrap-up Summary of key messages and framing for Day 2 breakout discussions

DAY 2: Thursday, 10th September 2026

TIME	SESSION
0800 – 0900	Arrival and Registration Registration and confirmation of breakout room participation
0900 – 1700	Exhibition Continues Practical demonstrations, institutional showcases, student innovations and company displays
0900 – 0930	Opening Recap and Framing of Day 1 Mr. Eddy Oloo, Senior TVET Advisor, GIZ
0930 – 1100	Plenary 3: Modern Teaching and Training Technologies for Future-Ready TVET Focus on modern pedagogy, teacher capacity, and industry-relevant delivery Panel discussion: • Ms. Merja Paloniemi, OSAO, Finland • Dr. Edwin Tarno, CEO, Kenya School of TVET • Mr. Kwame Zu, Deputy Director General, CTVET, Ghana • Dr. Jai Joon Hur, Senior Research Fellow, KDS; former President, Korea Labor Institute Moderator: Dr. Ekra Ndung'u, Chairperson KENAPCO
1100 – 1130	Health Break Networking and exhibition visits
1130 – 1300	Breakout Round 1: Room 1 (Hall of Africa): Strengthening Industry-TVET Partnerships for Labour Market Relevance and incentivization Expert panel discussions • Mr. Stephen Obiro, Head of Research, Advocacy and Partnerships, Federation of Kenya Employers • Mr. Dela Gadzanku, Association of Ghana Industries • Ms. Nuran Torun Atis, Senior Technical Advisor, ILO (International Labour Organization)

- Mr. Robert Koch, Head of Component ReFoP Project, GIZ, Senegal
- Mr. Teddy Orachah, Senior Manager Partnerships, KCB Foundation

Moderator: Ms. Miranda Pendo, Embedded Advisor, GIZ Kenya

Room 2 (Almasi 1): Training of Trainers and In-Company Trainer Development

Keynote Input: Mr. Peter Ngugi, KSTVET

Panel Discussion:

- Mr. Isaac Mokaya, Deputy Principal, Kiambu National Polytechnic
- Ms. Esther Ndichu, Senior Project Manager, AHK Eastern Africa
- Mr. Alfred Munyari, Caetano Motors Kenya
- Mr. Victor Chipata, Director, Culvert Plumbing, Zambia
- Mr. Awudu Damani Musah, Advisor-Global Skills Partnership Between Ghana/Senegal and Germany.

Moderator: Ms. Christine Amira, WILO & Ms. Arnolda Chao, GIZ

Room 3 (Almasi 2): Financing Sustainable Skills Systems

Keynote Input: Mr. Geoffrey Monari, CEO, HELB

Panel Discussion:

- Dr. Dominic Omboto, PHD, Manager Accreditation & Registration, NITA
- Mr. Benedict Mensah, Networking & Advocacy Coordinator, Don Bosco Institute-Ghana
- Ms. Catherine Wamiti, Senior Program Support, Compassion International
- Ms. Katya Nyangi, Regional Director Growth & External Affairs, Chancen International
- Prof. Laila Abubakar, Vice Chancellor, Technical University of Mombasa

Moderator: Mr. Geoffrey Kamau, National TVET Coordinator, State Department for TVET

1300 – 1400	Lunch Break Networking and exhibition visits
1400 – 1530	Breakout Round 2: Room 1 (Almasi 1): Green Skills and Climate - Smart TVET Welcome Note (Moderator) - Ms. Nancy Oloo, Greening TVET Master Trainer, Kenya School of TVET Scene setting video and presentation: Mr. Eddy Oloo, Senior Technical Advisor, GIZ Moderated panel discussion • Anne Kamonjo, Director of Greening TVET and Climate Change, State Department for TVET • Ernest Chitechi, Corporate Services Manager, Kenya Climate Innovation Centre • Ulla-Maija, Senior Specialist, International Research, Development and Innovation, Häme University of Applied Sciences • Caroline Okiro, Chief Programme Design and Implementation Officer, Jacob's Ladder Africa
	Room 2 (Almasi 2): Digital Skills and Technology Integration in TVET Keynote/Scene Setter: Mr. Risto Virkkunen, Kainuu, Finland Moderator: Ms. Joyline Jepkirui, SDTVET Expert Panel Discussion/fishbowl type • Mr. Japhet Ngeno, Assistant Director, Accreditation Services, TVET Authority, Kenya • Ms. Joseph Orina, National ODeL in TVET Coordinator, KSTVET • Mr. Nkanyiso Zondi, Account Manager, Snapplify, South Africa • Ms. Faith Langat, Didactic Account Manager East Africa, Seychelles, Malawi Festo Didactic Closing: Mr. Emmanuel Choge, TVET & Digitalization Advisor, GIZ Kenya

	Room 3 (Hall of Africa): Implementing Gender and Inclusion within Training and in the Workplace Session Moderators: Ms. Immaculate Otieno & Ms. Edith Njeri, GIZ Kenya Scene-Setting: "Inclusion Starts Here": Ms. Tabitha Nyambura, Head of Youth & Children at National Gender Equality Commission (NGEC) Storytelling Circle: Four Voices, One Journey • Ms. Esther Sinda, GIZ Zambia, Gender Mainstreaming in TVET training • Mr. Stephen Kitiwa, Graduate from Karen Technical for the Deaf • Mr. Wycliffe Otieno, Head of Building Department, Karen Technical Training Institute for the Deaf • Mr. Bernard Mwangi, Kinde Engineering Ltd, partner with Karen TTI for the Deaf Scenario Discussions (group work) Open Floor: Connecting Stories to Systems
1530 – 1630	Plenary 4: From Dialogue to Action - Reports from Breakout Sessions Rapporteurs present key recommendations from breakout sessions. Discussion focuses on what government, industry, TVET institutions and partners should do next - Mr. Emmanuel Choge, TVET & Digitalization Advisor, GIZ Kenya
1630 – 1700	Wrap up and end of day 2

DAY 3: Friday, 11th September 2026

TIME	SESSION
0800 – 0900	Arrival and Registration Final day registration
0900 – 1400	Exhibition Continues Final exhibition visits, media engagement and public participation
0900 – 1030	Plenary 5: Assessment and Qualifications Recognition - Making Skills Visible and Trusted Panel discussion: • Prof. Kisilu Kitainge, CEO, TVET CDACC • Ms. Emelia Affi Agbenyo, Deputy Director-General (Operations), Ghana • Dr. Alice Kande – CEO, Kenya National Qualification Authority • Mr. Ocean Matimba, Director of Assessments and Certification TEVETA Zambia Moderator: Mr. Dennis Muchiri, Training and Operations Manager, CAPYEI
1030 – 1100	Health Break Networking and exhibition visits
1100 – 1230	Plenary 6: From Training to Work - Voices from the Dual TVET Journey Real experiences on what works, what needs improvement, and how workplace-based learning can be strengthened and institutionalized. Panel discussion • Mr. Brian Simiyu, Technical Trainer, Krones • Mr. Sammy Waititu, Chief Principal, Kiambu National Polytechnic • Mrs. Georgina Chama, Principal, Lusaka Vocational Technical College, Zambia

	• Ms. Rahab Wangare, Trainee, KINAP • Mrs. Diegane Wane Ly, Head of PF2E (Programme de Formation Ecole-Entreprise), Senegal Moderator: Ms. Hope Muturi, TVET Advisor, GIZ Kenya
1230 – 1330	Lunch Break Networking and exhibition visits
1330 – 1400	Conference Communiqué: Summary of Key Recommendations Presentation of consolidated recommendations from plenaries, breakouts and partner consultations - Mr. Gideon Murenga, Senior TVET Advisor, GIZ Kenya
1400 – 1500	Official Closing Ceremony • Remarks by selected participants • Closing Remarks by Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria, Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET
1500	Vote of Thanks Ministry/GIZ



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