

ADVANCING VET IN AFRICA

THE EVBB 2023 VISION FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
AND PARTNERSHIP

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2023 EVBB strategy for Africa aims to contribute to the development of high-quality, relevant, and sustainable VET systems that support the economic and social development of Africa, while promoting the European model of VET. Here's a brief overview in 12 points :

- 1) **Identifying the Needs:** Conduct research to understand the specific needs and challenges of VET in Africa. This could include an analysis of the existing VET systems, skills gaps, and the demand for skilled labor.
- 2) **Capacity building:** EVBB will support the capacity building of VET institutions, teachers, and trainers in Africa. This includes providing training and professional development opportunities, promoting knowledge sharing and exchange, and supporting the development of national qualifications frameworks and curricula that are relevant to the labor market.
- 3) **Partnership building:** EVBB will work to build partnerships and collaboration between European and African VET providers and stakeholders. This includes facilitating the exchange of best practices and expertise, and promoting joint initiatives and projects that support VET development in Africa. Collaborate with local stakeholders such as governments, educational institutions, and industry associations to develop and implement effective VET programs. This will help ensure that the programs meet the needs of the local market and are sustainable in the long run.
- 4) **Curriculum development:** support the development of relevant and high-quality VET curricula in Africa. Develop curriculum that is tailored to the local context and industry needs, and incorporate modern teaching methods and technologies to enhance the learning experience. The curriculum should also be aligned with international standards to ensure that graduates have the skills necessary to compete in the global job market.
- 5) **Quality assurance:** support the development of quality assurance mechanisms in African VET systems, including the development of standards and guidelines for VET institutions, teacher and trainer training, and learner assessment.
- 6) **Providing Teacher Training:** Provide training for VET teachers to ensure that they have the necessary skills and knowledge to deliver high-quality training. This could include training on modern teaching methods, using technology in the classroom, and developing industry-specific skills.
- 7) **Promote gender equality in VET:** EVBB will promote gender equality in VET by supporting initiatives that encourage the participation of women and girls in VET programs. This can help to address the gender gap that exists in many African countries and promote greater economic empowerment for women.
- 8) **Research and innovation:** EVBB will promote research and innovation in VET in Africa, including the development of new pedagogical approaches, the use of technology in VET, and the identification of emerging skills and competencies in the labor market. This includes supporting the development of new and innovative teaching methods and tools, promoting the use of digital technologies and platforms, online courses, virtual training, and exploring new approaches to work-based learning and apprenticeships.
- 9) **International organizations:** EVBB will work with regional and international organizations such as the African Union, UNESCO, and the International Labor Organization to promote best practices in VET, exchange knowledge and expertise, and coordinate efforts to support VET development in Africa.

- 10) **Advocacy and awareness raising:** EVBB will advocate for the importance of VET in Africa and raise awareness about the benefits of VET for individuals, society, and the economy. This includes engaging with policymakers, stakeholders, and the public to promote the value of VET and to support policy reforms and investments in VET.
- 11) **EVBB Brussels' premisses :** will be a center for dissemination of knowledge, relationship building and fairs organization for successfully implementing many of the above activities.
- 12) **HdWM-IB Africa Lab :** EVBB will work in close cooperation with the Shared Value Africa Lab founded at HdWM-IB to use synergies and to count with the support of a higher education institution.

Overall, EVBB could play a valuable role in supporting the development of VET in Africa. A successful strategy for VET and upskilling in Africa will require collaboration, investment, and a commitment from EVBB and our members to developing programs that meet the specific needs of the local market. To achieve these goals, EVBB and our members will work together closely with African governments, regional organizations, and other stakeholders to develop and implement policies and programs that support VET.