

AGENDA

TITLE:

GLAD – Skills Sectors Councils and Key Findings of the VET Governance Inventory in Uzbekistan

TIME:

21 June 2022 in ZOOM @ 12.00-13.30 CEST @ 15.00-16.30 UZT

SUMMARY:

Consistent reforms are being implemented in Uzbekistan's Vocational Education and Training (VET) system. As a result, its overall architecture, governance and funding, qualifications, quality assurance, and links with the labour market continue to develop. Good governance that increases the participation of employers and other social partners in the policy development process and stimulates the development of public-private partnerships is at the core of the policy debate. Skills Sector Councils (SSCs) are one policy option explored in the VET system in Uzbekistan.

Sectoral approaches are used to shape VET and skills provision tailored to the needs of businesses in a given economic sector through the engagement of social partners (employer and employee representatives). They are partnerships, and VET governance platforms for systematic cooperation supporting VET policies within a lifelong learning perspective by connecting education and training to labour market needs to promote the development of relevant skills.

The ETF has been at the forefront of developing a deep understanding of the lifelong learning process and fine-tuning the mechanisms for VET governance. Through ongoing analysis of current trends and governance arrangements in partner countries, the ETF has constructed a structured framework known as the ETF Governance Inventory. In 2020, it was used in a year-long pilot process of self-assessments of VET policy, management, financing, and quality assurance in five partner countries: Albania, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, and Uzbekistan.

The main objective of this workshop is, together with key partners in Uzbekistan, to discuss the characteristics of successful VET Governance. Considering different types of governance bodies – such as National VET Councils, Sector Skills Councils, and inter-ministerial structures - the findings of

the ETF Governance Inventory in Uzbekistan will be explored in greater detail. This ETF activity aims to identify feasible approaches to VET Governance that support effective stakeholder participation based on the mission and vision for future VET in Uzbekistan and open up opportunities for Governance, Learning, Action and Dialogue (GLAD) cooperation with partners in the country.

MODERATORS:

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Time (CEST/UZT)	Agenda Item
CEST: 12:00 - 12:10 UZT: 15:00 – 15:10	Welcome and introduction
CEST: 12:10 – 12:35 UZT: 15:10 – 15:35	<p>The current needs in VET Governance in Uzbekistan: Sector Skills Councils and National Vocational Education and Training Council</p> <p><i>A colleague from an institution in Uzbekistan to present the focus of the ongoing VET reform agenda (Panellist tbd)</i> <i>A colleague from an institution in Uzbekistan to present the objectives of the Sector Skills Councils (Panellist tbd if possible to cover both sectors - Agriculture and Water)</i> <i>Feruza Rashidova, VET Expert -reflection on current needs in VET Governance in Uzbekistan (tbc)</i></p> <p>Panel with institutional stakeholders in Uzbekistan</p>
CEST: 12:35 – 12:50 UZT: 15:35 – 15:50	Moderated Discussion
CEST: 12:50 - 13:10 UZT: 15:50 – 16:10	<p>Findings of the ETF Governance Inventory in Uzbekistan: the role of different VET governing bodies</p> <p><i>Margareta Nikolovska (ETF), Senior Human Capital Development Expert – ETF Governance Team (Presentation of the findings)</i> <i>Feruza Rashidova, VET Expert -reflection on reflection on the findings presented (tbc)</i></p>
CEST: 13:10 - 13:20 UZT: 16:10 – 16:20	Moderated Discussion
CEST: 13:20 - 13:30 UZT: 16:20 – 16:30	Conclusions and possible future cooperation in GLAD