



International Congress on Vocational and Professional Education and Training

From Skills to Prosperity – Sharing Elements of Success

20 - 22 June 2016

Winterthur, Switzerland

www.vpet-congress.ch

General information

From 20 to 22 June 2016, the second edition of the International Congress on Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) will take place in Winterthur, Switzerland. The congress aims to strengthen VPET by fostering the international dialogue and the exchange of good practices between decision makers and experts in the field of VPET. Providing a platform for open discussions and knowledge transfer will facilitate better frameworks for international cooperation in VPET.

The congress is supported by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), the Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training SFIVET, the Canton of Zurich, professional organisations and the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW).

Target audience

The congress is intended for an international audience of decision makers and experts from all over the world. These are high-level officials responsible for VPET, representatives of schools, educational institutes, the private sector (companies, professional organisations and trade associations) and other experts in the field of VPET.

Programme 2016 - *From Skills to Prosperity – Sharing Elements of Success*

The general theme of the congress' second edition in 2016 will be «From Skills to Prosperity – Sharing Elements of Success». Its focus lies on the international exchange of successful principles within different VPET systems. The Congress offers the opportunity to share and learn from the experiences made in different education systems all over the world and to find out about the core elements leading to successful learning and implementation (cf. draft programme, p. 2).

Prominent international speakers will take part in this congress, including top political, economic, scientific figures responsible for decision-making on vocational education and training matters.

Call for proposals

On Wednesday, 22 June 2016, one of the seminars (that will be conducted twice: 10:30 – 12:30 and 14:00 – 16:00) is dedicated to current VPET topics, and the congress organisation invites participants to submit proposals for this seminar to the Congress Proposal Evaluation Committee. The seminar will allow for a presentation of 20 minutes followed by a twenty minutes Q&A session (max. number of 100 participants per each seminar). Topics could include, for example, good practices, bilateral or multilateral knowledge transfer projects or other items of general interest concerning VPET.

Deadline for proposal is *30 November 2015*. Details and submission form: www.vpet-congress.ch.

Draft Programme, International Congress on VPET, 20 – 22 June 2016

	Monday, 20 June 2016	Tuesday, 21 June 2016	Wednesday, 22 June 2016
morning		<p>Welcome address <i>Federal Councillor, tbc</i></p> <p>Keynote 1 Skills and Socioeconomic Prosperity in Europe <i>High level, European Commission, tbc</i></p> <p>Keynote 2 Skills Development - a Pillar of Socioeconomic Growth <i>High level, UNO, tbc</i></p> <p>Keynote 3 Impact of VPET on Economic Success <i>CEO TNC, tbc</i></p> <p>Open Session: Pecha Kucha Young people from Europe share their experiences <i>Supported by Club of Rome, tbc</i></p>	<p>Keynote 5 Cooperation Switzerland-USA – Post VPET Congress 2014 <i>High level USA, tbc</i></p> <p>Keynote 6 Comparative Analysis VPET <i>Academic, tbc</i></p> <p>Parallel seminar session I</p> <p>A. Current Topics: Call for proposals (presentation of projects and activities in VPET worldwide)</p> <p>B. Share Good Practices: Presentation and exchange on three public and private initiatives and instruments (factors of success, challenges and needs)</p> <p>C. Transfer Projects: Case studies of two bilateral and multilateral projects</p> <p>D. Dual VPET: Presentation of the Swiss dual VPET system and visits to vocational training centers and host companies.</p>
noon		Lunch & Learn	Lunch & Learn
afternoon		<p>Skills Village and Networking</p> <p>Panel discussion Sharing Elements of Success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4x CEOs TNC ▪ 1x academic <p>Open Session: World Café</p> <p>Keynote 4 <i>CEO TNC, tbc</i></p>	<p>Skills Village and Networking</p> <p>Parallel seminar session II (cf. session I)</p> <p>Skills Village and Networking</p> <p>Summary <i>State Secretary SERI, tbc</i></p>
evening	Welcome Address and Cocktail Party <i>Mayor of Winterthur</i>	Gala dinner	Farewell drink

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