



LAUNCH CONFERENCE OF THE INTER- COUNTRY QUALITY NODE (ICQN) ON TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (TVSD)

THEME: *VOCATIONALIZATION TRACKS AS FACTORS OF QUALIFICATION, WORKFORCE INTEGRATION, AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*

Provisional Program

Monday, 19 July 2010

- 8:30-9:30 am:** Reception of conference participants
- 9:30-9:45 am:** Arrival of Ivorian and foreign authorities
- 9:45-10:40 am:** Opening Ceremony
- 10:40-11:15 am:** Cocktails
- 11:15-11:45 am:** The crucial role of the inter-country quality node with regard to the 2011 ADEA Triennale
Mr. Ahlin Byll-Cataria, ADEA Executive Secretary
- 11:45 am-12:30 pm:** Inter-country investment in skills development: a necessity and a chance for economic and social development
Mr. Jean Kacou Diagou, President, Confédération Générale des Entreprises, Côte d'Ivoire
- 12:30-1:15 pm:** Why does Côte d'Ivoire support and promote the ICQN on skills development?
Mr. Benjamin Yapo Atsé, Minister of Technical Education and Vocational Training, Côte d'Ivoire
- 1:45-3:00 pm:** Luncheon
- 3:00-4:45 pm:** Presentation of countries' innovative TVSD policies and practices by each member minister of the ICQN (15 min. per country plus questions)



- 4:30-4:45 pm:** *Coffee break*
- 4:45-6:00 pm:** Presentation of innovative policies and practices (cont.)

Tuesday, 20 July 2010

- 9:30-11:00 am:** Presentation of innovative policies and practices by each minister (cont.)
- 11:00-11:15 am:** *Coffee break*
- 11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Review of points of convergence and cooperation between the ICQN member countries and debate with ministers
- 12:45-2:30 pm:** *Luncheon*
- 2:30-4:00 pm:** Working group sessions (experts plus multilateral, bilateral, sub-regional and regional organizations) on the points of convergence and cooperation validated by the ministers. The working groups should, in one way or another, address the following themes:
- Making a success of TVET reform in order to admit the greatest possible number of young people in search of skills and employment: what are the implications for other components of general post-primary education?
 - What future for residential TVET? Changes in progress, challenges to be met, priorities to be addressed. Is residential TVET sustainable in its current configuration?
 - Work-study and apprenticeship: changes in progress, challenges to be met, priorities to be addressed. How can we move beyond the experimental stage and make partnership with the business world a mechanism that can be scaled up to the entire vocational training sub-sector?
 - Workforce integration/vocationalization: changes in progress, challenges to be met, priorities to be addressed. How can we meet the urgent need to integrate young people into the workforce while at the same time enabling them to acquire vocational skills on the job?
- For each theme, each working group will identify promising practices in the countries represented and will analyze how these practices could be



adopted and harmonized at the regional, sub-regional and continental levels.

4:00-4:15 pm: *Coffee break*

4:15-6:00 pm: Working group sessions (cont.)

Wednesday, 21 July 2010

9:30-11:00 am: Drafting of a summary of the deliberations of each group (main findings, possible inter-country synergies, points needing further analysis, country studies and cross-cutting studies to be conducted)

11:00-11:15 am: *Coffee break*

11:15 am-1:00 pm: Presentation of the groups' conclusions to ministers: how do the findings structure the future work of the ICQN? Discussion.

1:00-2:30 pm: *Luncheon*

2:30-4:30 pm: Review of the conclusions of the group sessions by ministers and economic and business partners: priorities for action at the country and inter-country levels and the ICQN's work schedule in preparation for the Triennale

4:30-5:00 pm: *Coffee break*

5:00-5:30 pm: Press conference with Mr. Benjamin Yapo Atsé and Mr. Ahlin Byll-Cataria