VENUE, DATES AND TIMES
The conference will take place at Grand Ball Room, Galadari Hotel, Lotus Road, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka.
Phone: ++ 94 11 2 544544
http://www.galadarihotel-srilanka.com/

PARTICIPANTS
Approximately 150 participants from Sri Lanka and 50 participants from other countries.
Composition of participants: Policy-makers, practitioners and expert from TVET sector, representatives of the
business community, bilateral and multilateral institutions and implementing agencies, academia.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
The deadline for submitting the registration form will be June 30, 2014. Participants Selected participants will
receive an official invitation letter, including the program details.

CONFERENCE EXPENSES
The Organizing Committee will provide the meals, refreshments and visa assistance if necessary and materials
during the Conference days free of charge. Please note that round-trip travel expenses, accommodation, inland
transportation, insurance, and any other expenses are to be covered by the participants.

TRAVEL
The GIZ and other development partners will provide return economy class air ticket by the most direct route to
their sponsored participants. All other foreign participants should cover their travel cost on their own or with
possible donor funding. Please contact the Conference Secretariat as per details given below if clarification is
required.

Airport passage- to and from has been assigned to the travel agent. Participants will have to bear the cost for any
additional travel. Also, if a participant stays an extended period he/she will have to bear the charges for airport
drop. All participants are requested to send their travel schedule in advance to the conference secretariat to
arrange transportation for pick up at the BIA airport and drop after the conclusion of the conference.

ACCOMMODATION
The Conference Secretariat has reserved single room accommodation at the conference venue, Galadari Hotel
for the stay of all participants, which includes Breakfast. Lunch and refreshment will be provided at the
Conference venue for the duration of the conference. All other expenses at the hotel should be borne by the
participants. Those who wish to extend their stay at the hotel can enjoy the lower rates as mutually agreed with
the Hotel. The hotel rate will be US $ 160 for B/B basis.

TRAVEL INSURANCE
International participants are advised to obtain medical or accident insurance at their own cost prior to arrival in Sri
Lanka. The Conference Secretariat shall not be liable for accident, medical, and hospitalization expenses in the
event of accidents, sickness or similar contingencies.

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A landmark event in TVET: Background

Recognising the importance of skills development, His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka has declared the National Skills Day as 15th July 2014. The Ministry of Skills Development and Youth Affairs together with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is organizing an International conference on Tertiary and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to coincide with this National Skills Day.

Internationally renowned resource persons and professionals panel will lend their expertise to the event making it globally relevant while sharing ideas and experiences from particular contexts.

Sri Lanka’s experience in implementing TVET reforms under the National Vocational Qualifications framework over the past ten years set an example to other developing countries, especially in South Asia. The country has recognised the need to innovate and adapt to the changing needs of industry and the labour market so that youth are equipped with a skill set that matches and caters to the demands of this labour market. Education and training have a crucial role to play in the successful transition of economies from green and clean development, concepts that are becoming increasingly relevant globally in the promotion of inclusive growth.


Main Objective
- To provide inputs for shaping TVET as means to achieve Social Integration, Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development.

Specific objectives
- Highlight the features and challenges faced by vocational and technical training sector and
- Analyse the key strengths and best practices of vocational and technical training

Main Topics
- Social Integration, Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development
- Improving Quality and Access to TVET for Social and Economic Integration
- Recent Developments in Qualification Frameworks
- Apprenticeship Training for Inclusive and sustainable Development
- Best Practices in Entrepreneurship Development
- Relevance of Vocational Training for Livelihood Development

Expected outputs
- Identify key issues and areas that require ongoing and future attention to ensure development and expansion of TVET system that achieves the intended impact.
- Compile lessons learnt from the experience of countries that have well established TVET systems to continuously improve the systems with appropriate inputs.
- Develop the National agenda of the TVET system with increased emphasis on quality assurance, transferability and greater link with higher education, industry and work place to assist future economic development and global competitiveness
- Highlight potential to strengthen the image of TVET as a mainstream component of the total development process.
- Make recommendations to the policy makers of the participating countries for further improvements on human capital for social and economic development.
- The final expected outcome from the conference is to make recommendations for shaping TVET as means to achieve Social Integration, Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development.

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