



## INDUCTION OF RESOURCE PERSONS FOR THE TRAINING OF TVET TEACHERS ON CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECOWAS REGION

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The Third Conference of ECOWAS Ministers of Education and the 36<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government both recommended the revitalization of Technical and Vocational Education and Training in the ECOWAS region. Towards that end, a UNESCO-ECOWAS Workshop on revitalizing TVET was held at Abuja in August 2009 which made concrete recommendations on the training of teachers, policy, as well as curriculum development. The ECOWAS Commission on its part has commenced the implementation of the recommendations of the Abuja workshop by embarking on a major drive to train core teams of TVET teachers in the 15 Member States to upgrade the professional and pedagogical skills of technical teachers and curriculum developers. For the ECOWAS Commission, these trainings will be an important contribution to its priority programme of promoting TVET and the implementation of its Plan of Action on education and training in the sub-region. Specifically, the trainings will fit into the ECOWAS protocol on TVET which encourages the joint development and exchange of training materials, the exchange of experiences and ideas between programme planners, teachers and trainers.



*Workshop Participants*

As a first step the ECOWAS Commission Directorate for Education, Culture, Science and Technology organised a planning technical meeting at Kaduna from 11-12 July 2010 which worked out details regarding the content, methodology, schedule, and resources requirements for the training sessions in all Member States. It also identifies the International Resource Persons who lead the training.

As a follow-up and to prepare for the launching of the series of training workshops the ECOWAS Commission organised an Induction Workshop for the International Resource Persons. The workshop was held at the ECOWAS Community Computer Centre, Lome, the Togolese Republic from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11 August 2010. The workshop was attended by the ECOWAS

Director of Education and 10 senior TVET curriculum specialists and educators from ECOWAS Member States and staff of ECOWAS Directorate of Education.

During the three days of intensive work the participants were introduced to the agreed methodology for the training of technical teachers and UNESCO-Nigeria Formats for curriculum development. The workshop in each country which will be held during the period from September to November 2010 will train 30 TVET technical teachers and curriculum developers on curriculum development and writing of instructional material. The participants also deliberated at length the proposed programmes of the Workshops, the Evaluation Forms of the workshops and participants, and the templates for the Final Country Reports. They were also provided with training materials and examples of curricula and instructional material from UNESCO projects in various countries.

At the final session a number of recommendations were made to ensure the effective and successful organising of the workshops, the recruitment of National Resource Persons, and translation of all the main working documents to the three working languages of ECOWAS.



Workshop in Progress

