

FLASH REPORT

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Title of the event

Torino Process 2018-2020 – Launching meeting in Egypt

Main objective/s of the event

- To get familiar with the Torino Process (TRP) 2018/20 objectives and strategic orientations;
- To present and familiarise with the TRP National Reporting Framework (NRF, a framework of analysis, including suggested indicators) and present the European Training Foundation (ETF) assessment
- To discuss and agree on policy added value of TRP in the country in terms of the ongoing reform process in Egypt
- To define/confirm the calendar of TRP implementation

Background

The Torino Process (TRP) is an evidence-informed analysis of Human Capital Development issues and VET policies responses in the ETF partner countries. The process, launched by the ETF for the first time in 2010, enters in its fifth round of implementation that will be completed in the period 2019-2020. Egypt participated in all four previous editions of the Torino process since 2010.

Based on findings of the evaluation conducted after the 4th round, the new Torino process round includes a series of new features, namely: higher policy relevance for the national context and EU policy dialogue identified early in the process; a broader scope focusing on human capital development and VET policy responses;; an ETF independent assessment (based on the national report). These three new features translate in the need for a broader participation process in the country to cover its broader scope and a high ownership of the findings for their use in the national policy context.

Short introduction/description of the event

The Torino process launch event, under the coordination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the technical leadership of the Ministry of Education and Technical Education, had an impressive level of participation both in terms of institutional coverage and attendance. More than 40 participants gathered. They represented a variety of stakeholders, including Members of Parliament and representatives of Prime Minister Cabinet Office, different Ministries (Industry, Higher Education, Manpower, Planning, Military production, Agriculture, Housing and Health), Central Agency for Public Mobilisation and Statistics (CAPMAS), Information and Decision Support Centre, National Council for Women, Business Associations (Federation of Construction, Federation of Egyptian Industries), NGOs (Association of Human Rights), Private training providers and development partners (EU, GIZ, ILO and USAID).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, gave an overview of the key role of skills and Technical, Vocational Educational and Training (TVET) to meet the socio economic requirements of Egypt with the Vision 2030 in mind.

The Deputy Minister of Education and Technical Education (MOETE) presented the main policy developments taken place that build on the previous Torino process recommendations. He presented the reform programme Technical Education (TE) 2.0 and its pillars (quality, competence based curricula, teacher training, excellence centres through employer engagement, attractiveness of TVET). Furthermore, he elaborated on the establishment of the quality assurance agency as a key entity in the broader TVET arena.

ETF presented findings of the previous round, the new strategic orientations and the methodology of analysis. Working groups followed up with a practical hands on session digging into the different building blocks of the national analytical framework, ranging from context, labour market relevance, social inclusion, TVET system efficiency, governance and financing .

A final wrap up session, including key milestones and work plan for continued participatory discussions that will guide the national reporting, closed a rich event.

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

The seminar confirmed:

- the relevance of the new Torino process in terms of its broader scope, policy relevance and increased ownership and participation
- the policy relevance of TRP in Egypt in specific:
 - o in the context of Vision 2030
 - o the current high level discussion on quality assurance and teacher training for TVET in Egypt
 - o the implementation of the TE 2.0 reform
 - o the policy work on the set-up of technological universities
- in wider human capital development context, the following key issues for the Egyptian context such as: skills mismatch, informality of economy and labour force, digital transformation, inclusion of vulnerable groups, regional economic development, coordination amongst international development partners and last but not least overarching TVET governance
- the commitment of all institutions and experts present to be engaged in the follow-up focus groups that will continue the dialogue
- the main milestones and workplan leading to a draft Egyptian national report by the end of the Summer 2019.

Next steps:

- the technical chair of the working group will work with the national expert to organise different focus group meetings as an immediate next step.

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