

EVENT CONCEPT AND AGENDA

Torino Process 2022-2024

Review of policies for lifelong learning in Egypt: national launch meeting

DATE :

14 November 2024, 10.00 – 14.00, Marriott Hotel, 16 Saray El Gezira Street, Zamalek, Cairo

Background

Egypt is an active participant in the new round of the Torino Process, which the European Training Foundation (ETF) has launched with a specific focus on monitoring the performance of education and training systems in a lifelong learning perspective, and on reviewing policies for lifelong learning.

This event will present the results from the Torino Process on the performance of VET systems in Egypt. It will also mark the start of a review of lifelong learning policies and discussion of the two themes in focus on the Applied Technology Schools (ATS). The first theme is international recognition or accreditation of ATS programmes. The second theme is expansion of public private partnerships in the network of ATS providers.

Objectives

The meeting aims to:

- Present the Torino Process monitoring results for Egypt to a broader audience.
- Discuss and finalise the scope and themes of the Torino Process policy review with national stakeholders
- Identify key institutions to form a reference group to oversee the review
- Outline the next steps in the review process.

Themes in focus of the meeting

- The first theme in focus of the meeting is the need for strategies to **secure international recognition of the ATS graduate qualifications and facilitate the mobility of ATS graduates**. The goal is to support further education and/or employment opportunities of graduates abroad and to strengthen the regional and global standing of the ATS. This theme intersects with two broader policy domains in focus of ETF work and monitoring: **internationalisation and quality assurance**, where internationalisation is the primary theme and quality assurance is a key component.
- A supplementary theme is the **strengthening of quality assurance arrangements and governance for national purposes** in view of the ongoing national expansion of the ATS network. The goal is to maintain a responsive and sustainable ATS network which maintains a consistent quality standard in terms of learning and training outcomes and enjoys the trust of industry partners.

Event flow and structure

The meeting will start with registration and a welcome coffee to allow participants to connect informally. Following this will be the welcome session which sets the stage for the discussions ahead and gives an opportunity to national and EU representatives to formally open the event and share their expectations and views on its significance. Depending on the number of attendees, this may also include a tour-de-table with short introductions.

The first session will then present findings from the Torino Process policy and system performance monitoring of Egypt, with a specific focus on findings of relevance for the themes chosen for discussion, such as internationalisation, quality assurance, and partnerships. This session will also allow participants to share their thoughts and ask questions about the monitoring results.

The second session will start with a brief presentation of the Torino Process policy reviews – their purpose and methodology – so that participants are given a sense of the approach and structure, and so that they are informed ahead of their participation in working groups in the next session.

After a coffee break, participants will be divided into two working groups which will work in parallel, one for each of the two main themes of the review. The themes will first be introduced from both national and international perspectives, and then participants will split into the two groups to explore these topics in more detail, sharing insights and priorities and, importantly, their expectations of the review activity.

The groups will then come back together to discuss what each group found, with the purpose of refining the focus of the review and planning the next steps. The meeting will close with a summary of key insights and an outline of the actions to follow.

Participants

To be confirmed with Egyptian counterparts

Working language

The working language of the meeting is English, with interpretation from/to Arabic.

Agenda

Time	Session
10.00 - 10:30	Registration of participants and welcome coffee
10.30 – 10.45	<p>Welcome and introduction to the day</p> <p><i>Dr Ayman Bahaa El-Din, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Technical Education, Egypt</i></p> <p><i>Anne Schouw, Deputy Head of Mission, Delegation of the EU to Egypt</i></p> <p>Chair and Moderator: <i>Abdelaziz Jaouani Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Lifelong Learning Policies, ETF</i></p>
10.45 – 11.30	<p>System performance monitoring results for Egypt (Torino Process Level 1) with a specific focus on internationalisation, quality assurance, and partnerships</p> <p><i>Mihaylo Milovanovitch, Coordinator for lifelong learning, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, ETF</i></p> <p>Exchange with participants</p>
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Presentation of the Torino Process policy review methodology</p> <p><i>Cristiana Burzio, Human Capital Development Expert, ETF</i></p>
12.00 – 12.15	Coffee break
12.15 – 13.15	<p>Consolidating the themes in focus of the Torino Process policy review</p> <p>Introduction to the themes in national perspective <i>Dr Amr Bosila, Head of the Central Administration for the Development of Technical Education – Director of the Applied Technology Schools Operation and Management Unit, Egypt (tbc)</i></p> <p>Introduction to the themes in international perspective <i>Mihaylo Milovanovitch, ETF</i></p> <p>2 working groups: consolidating the two themes for the Torino Process policy review of Egypt</p> <p>Moderators: <i>Mohamed AdelRahman, Egypt, Cristiana Burzio, ETF</i></p>
13.15 – 13.30	<p>Reporting and discussion in plenary: review scope and themes, implementation modalities and calendar</p> <p>Moderators: <i>ETF and Ministry of Education and Technical Education</i></p>
13.30 – 14.00	<p>Wrap-up and conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mihaylo Milovanovitch, ETF</i> • <i>Dr Amr Bosila, Egypt (tbc)</i>
14.00 – 15.00	Lunch