



EURO-MEDITERRANEAN FORUM ON TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

*Technical and vocational education and training:
tools for economic and social convergence
in the Union for the Mediterranean*

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17 and 18 December 2008

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Draft programme and participants

17 December 2008

7.30pm: Gala dinner at the Préfecture de Région

18 December 2008

8.00am: Reception at the Palais de la Bourse

Moderator: **Brigitte Jeanperrin**, Journalist, France Inter

8.30–8.50am: Welcome speeches

Jean-Claude Gaudin*, Mayor of Marseilles

8.50–9.10am: Introduction

Rachid Mohamed Rachid, Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry, Egypt

Michèle Gendreau-Massaloux*, Union for the Mediterranean Task Force, France

9.10–10.45am: SESSION 1 - TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING: ISSUES AND NEEDS WITHIN THE UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

9.15–9.45am - The economic and social issues of technical and vocational education and training in Union for the Mediterranean Member States

✓ Technical and vocational education and training as the basis for growth in Maghreb and Mashreq countries in a globalised economy - **Jamal Bouoiyour**, CATT, Université de Pau

✓ Vocational training in Maghreb and Mashreq countries—what are the specific challenges for the informal sector and developing economies? - **Mourad Ezzine***, World Bank

9.45–10.40am - Round Table: Technical and vocational education and training and the needs of UfM Member States—which skills are needed for which professions?

Jelloul Samsseme*, Director, Regional Investment Centre for the Tangier-Tetouan region, Morocco

Heidi Djilani, Chair, Tunisian Industry, Trade and Handicrafts Union (UTICA)

Rifat Hisarciklioglu, Chair, Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), Turkey

Abderazak Bel Hadj Zekri*, Advisor to the Trade Union Confederation of Arab Magreb Workers (USTMA), Tunisia

Q&A session

10.40–11.00am: Break

11.00am–12.30pm: SESSION 2 - ADAPTING VOCATIONAL TRAINING SYSTEMS AND TOOLS TO MEET THE NEED FOR QUALIFIED WORKERS IN UfM COUNTRIES

11.00–11.30am – An overview of the strengths, weaknesses and recent changes in vocational training systems in Maghreb and Mashreq countries

✓ Innovations and diversification in the structure of available training in UfM countries – a look ahead. – **Ahmed Dhouib**, Minister of State to the Minister of Education and Training, Tunisia

✓ An overview of governance and regulation in vocational training structures in Maghreb countries - **Alain Widmaier***

✓ Vocation training certification and quality assurance in UfM countries – an integrated view of national structures north and south of the Mediterranean – **Jean-Marc Castejon***, European Training Foundation

11.30am–12h20pm - Round Table: Future reforms in technical and vocational education and training in UfM Member States

Nadera Al-Bakheet, Director, Secretariat of the Employment and Technical and Vocational Education and Training Council (E-TVET), Jordan

Borhene Chakroun*, Programme Manager, European Training Foundation

Hisham El Sherif*, Chairman, Regional Information Technology and Software Engineering Center (RITSEC), Egypt

El Hassane Benmoussa*, Secretary General for Professional Training, Morocco

12.30–2.00pm: Luncheon

2.00–3.00pm:

✓ **Round table of experts and vocational training professionals – technical and vocational education and training within the UfM – strengthened cooperation for which regional strategy?**

Michèle Gendreau-Massaloux*, Union for the Mediterranean Task Force, France

Seghir Babes, Chair, National Economic and Social Council, Algeria

Roby Nathanson, Chairman, Israeli Institute for Economic and Social Research (IIESR), Israel

Pierre Deusy, EuroMed and Regional Issues, Directorate General for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy

Muriel Dunbar*, Director, European Training Foundation

Jean-Paul de Gaudemar, Rector, Academy of Aix-Marseille

Rapporteur: **Jean-Louis Reiffers**, Chair, Advisory Board of the Institut de la Méditerranée, Emeritus Dean, Professor of Economics at Aix/Marseilles II

3.00–4.00pm:

✓ **Presentation of the conclusions of the expert round tables: Jean-Louis Reiffers**, Chair, Advisory Board of the Institut de la Méditerranée

✓ **Round table of ministers responsible for technical and vocational education and training**

✓ **Presentation of a communication from the Co-Presidency of the Union for the Mediterranean** concerning the future of technical and vocational education and training in UfM countries: **Rachid Mohamed Rachid**, Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry, Egypt

4.00–4.30pm: Closing ceremony

Michel Vauzelle*, Chair, Regional Council for the Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur region

Benita Ferrero-Waldner, European Commissioner responsible for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy

Laurent Wauquiez, Minister of State for Employment, France