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Swiss Vocational Education and Training Initiative India

Quality assurance as a booster for skills development in India

Bangalore, August 31, 2016 – Within the framework of the Swiss Vocational Education and Training Initiative India (SVETII) several Swiss and Indian supporting partners have launched the Quality Assurance Project (QAP) to introduce Swiss quality training programs for VET professionals in India and supports the industry in training of skilled professionals.. The training programs are based on the internationally renowned Swiss dual-track vocational education and training model and are designed to suit the needs of the Indian labour market. From October 2016 the first batches of instructors, assessors and master trainers, as well as company staff in charge of technical training will be trained in Bangalore, Pune and Vadodra according to Swiss standards.

The Quality Assurance Project's (QAP) core objective is to improve VET instructors' technical, methodological and didactic skills in order to ensure SVETII's quality and sustainability. The QAP is implemented by partners and supported by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). It is a two year project that is taking place from September 2015 to August 2017. In the first year the focus is on developing occupational profiles for VET teachers and trainers, and validating courseware for training modules in accordance with Swiss standards.

Over 100 programs on offer

The Swiss Vocational Education and Training Initiative India SVETII focuses primarily on development and implementation of training programs and courses in mechanical and electrical engineering. Local economic and cultural conditions, as well as existing educational and training systems are taken into account. Many courses are aligned with India's national certification system. SVETII, together with its Swiss and Indian partner organizations, offers over a 100 standard and customized training programs to engineering companies in the electrical and metal industries and to training institutes. Graduates of the Swiss apprenticeship programs receive a Swissmem diploma. To date, 5000 youth in India have been trained, By evaluating and strengthening trainer performance, QAP will ensure that the delivery of SVETII programs meets Swiss standards.

Grown from a public-private partnership pilot project

The Swiss Vocational Education and Training Initiative India (SVETII) was launched in 2008 as a public-private partnership project on the occasion of the 60-year anniversary of the Indo-Swiss Friendship and Establishment Treaty. The SkillSonics team implemented the pilot project which was initiated by the Swiss-Indian Chamber of Commerce (SICC) in collaboration with Swissmem, SFIVET and renowned Swiss companies operating in India, including ABB, ACC, Ambuja Cements, Rieter, Holcim, Bobst, Bühler, Burckhardt Compression, Holcim, Rieter and Starrag. The pilot project was co-funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). In 2012 the Swiss project partners decided to expand the initiative in view of the excellent cooperation and growing interest in the project in India and Switzerland.



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All companies involved in the pilot project remain participants of the SVETII. In 2013, India's National Skill Development Agency (NSDC) - a public-private partnership under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship – became a partner in SkillSonics India Pvt. Ltd.. Since 2015, SkillSonics is also an affiliated partner of India's Capital Goods Sector Council (CGSC), and it is in the process of obtaining accreditation of further Sector Skill Councils.

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 <p>SWISSMEM</p>	<p>Swissmem unites the Swiss engineering, electrical and metal industry and associated technology-oriented sectors (MEM). The association represents the concerns of the MEM sector to the government, national and international organizations, and the public. Swissmem offers companies services that help them to be more competitive in the marketplace. This includes supporting Swiss companies abroad to implement VET.</p>
 <p>SFIVET</p> <p>SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING</p> <p>Swiss excellence in vocational education and training</p>	<p>The Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training SFIVET is the Swiss expert organization for vocational education and training. SFIVET develops VET practitioners, provides VET research, and promotes international education and training cooperation.</p>
 <p>MSW Mechatronik Schule Winterthur</p>	<p>The Mechatronics School Winterthur MSW is a training organization of the city of Winterthur with an affiliated Vocational School for the technical professions of Polymechanic EFZ, Automation Engineer EFZ and Electronics Specialist EFZ, combined in a mechatronic degree. It provides technical assistance in course development and implementation of training programs on national and international projects.</p>
 <p>skillSonics[®]</p> <p>Skills for Life</p>	<p>SkillSonics provides vocational education and training internationally based on the Swiss dual track VET system. The company, based in Bangalore, India and Zurich, Switzerland, offers basic and continued education and training programs for new apprentices and existing personnel. It also trains instructors, teachers and examiners, conducts quality assurance programs and helps companies set up and manage training institutes.</p>