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# Setting up the stage for the African Forum on Youth Skills and Enterprises in the Digital Age

**Tunis, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018** – African Ministers of Education, Technical and Vocational Skills Development (TVSD), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Higher Education and Employment, as well as representatives of development cooperation partners, private sector, civil society and youth, will be gathering in Tunis for the “African Forum on Youth Skills and Enterprises in the Digital Age”, in order to share and discuss comprehensive and innovative TVSD/TVET models and programs.

The high level meeting will take place at Ramada Plaza Hotel in Tunis from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

The Forum will be officially opened on 18<sup>th</sup> April by Hon. Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner of the African Union’s department on Human Resources Science and Technology (HRST); Hon. Buti Manamela, Deputy Minister for Higher Education and Training of South Africa; and Hon. Faouzi Abderrahmane, Minister of Vocational Training and Employment of Tunisia.

The main theme of the Forum, "Harnessing Demographic Dividend through Investments in the Youth", aims at developing the leadership and digital skills of the youth – equipping them with the necessary knowledge, tools and know-how – to design marketable products and services for the creation of sustainable enterprises and employment opportunities.

Expert technical sessions and high level round tables will explore the following themes:

- Exploring the future of the world of work to inform skills policy;
- Continental Frameworks (CESA 16-25, TVET and STISA 2024);
- Skills Portal for Youth Employment (SPYE);
- The future of skills and jobs;
- African Youth, digital competencies and creative media: “from skills to market”;
- Empowering young women and girls through digital skills;
- Conventional and emerging technologies (Virtual Realities, Open Educational Resources, Gamification, Robotics, Open Badges, etc.);
- Digital secondary education, 21st century skills and readiness for the world of work;
- Life skills and citizenship education, reimagining the learning agenda to ensure successful transition from learning to the world of work;
- Adapting and developing agility through a comprehensive national digital skills for enhanced employability, productivity and innovation capacity;
- How to create enabling environments to support skills development and boost the creation of new businesses.





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The event is organized by the Government of Tunisia through its [Ministry of Professional Training and Employment](#) (MFPE), the [African Union](#) (AU), the [Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative](#) (GESCI), the [Association for the Development of Education in Africa](#) (ADEA), and the [United Nations' Children Fund](#) (UNICEF). The strategic partners of this event are: [JP.IK](#) and the [New Partnership for Africa's Development](#) (NEPAD). The Forum is sponsored by: [ACT](#) and the [Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#) (ISESCO).

For more information on technical sessions, high level round tables, speakers and side events please visit the Forum official website: <http://www.digitalskills4africanyouth.org>

The Forum will be live streamed at <http://www.digitalskills4africanyouth.org/livestreaming>

Social media official hashtags: #Skills4Africa / #DS4AY

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#### About ADEA:

The Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) is a forum for policy dialogue, composed of all Ministers in charge of Education, Science and Technology in Africa. Established in 1988 at the instigation of the World Bank Group, it has evolved into a pan-African institution based within the African Development Bank Group (AfDB). ADEA's work has expanded to focus more on the development of skills and competencies across all the education sub-sectors. It envisions a "high quality African education and training system that is geared towards the promotion of critical knowledge and skills for accelerated and sustainable development in Africa".

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