

Minutes
-Policy Dialog Meeting,
on the occasion of the 3rd TVET Regional Conference in Vientiane, Lao PDR-

1. Introduction remarks

On the occasion of the 3rd Regional TVET Conference in Vientiane, Lao PDR, high-ranking TVET representatives of participating countries held a Policy Dialog Meeting (PDM) on December 15, 2015 at the conference venue, Don Chan Palace Hotel.

Based on the conference concept, which has been agreed by the Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR and the Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation, Germany, dated July 2015 and November 2015, the meeting brought together Vice Ministers, Directors General and Heads of Delegations in order to share TVET policy issues related to the four topics of the conference and to draft the “Joint Statement on Inclusive and Labour market oriented TVET” as the envisaged outcome of the conference.

The meeting has been chaired by the Lao Vice Minister of Education and Sports, Prof. Dr. Kongsy Sengmany. Participants attending this meeting came from 6 ASEAN countries plus Pakistan, Mongolia, Timor Leste, as well as SEAMEO Secretariat/Bangkok. (please see List of Participants, Annex 2)

2. Objective

On behalf of Prof. Phankham Viphavanh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Sports of Lao PDR and host of the conference, Vice Minister Dr. Kongsy Sengmany highlighted the objective of the meeting as follows:

“We invited you to this meeting in order to use the momentum to have you all here in Vientiane and to have the opportunity to share our views and policies regarding TVET development in the national and regional context especially in attendance to the upcoming AEC. In a long term perspective it is proposed to provide a forum of TVET policy discussions which should help us to intensify our cross-institutional communication on TVET development in our region. In this regard we would like to,

- To share with you ideas and reflections about the “Vientiane Joint Statement on Inclusive and Labour Market oriented Vocational Education and Training”.
- Collect ideas regarding the establishment of a permanent policy dialogue and monitoring process on Inclusive and Labour Market oriented TVET in ASEAN”.

3. Agenda

The agenda of the meeting has been as follows:

Day 2 -Tuesday, 15 December 2015 (second conference day)		
Time	Session Topics	Invitees / Presenters
09:00-11:00	ASEAN TVET Policy Dialogue Meeting	Invited ASEAN Representatives, Heads of Delegation
09:00-09:15	1. Welcome remarks by the Chairperson	Prof. Dr. Kongsy Sengmany Vice Minister of MoES
09:15- 10:00	2. Establishing “Vientiane Joint Statement on inclusive and labour market oriented TVET” a) Introduction into the topic of the meeting b) Draft “Joint Statement on inclusive and labour market oriented TVET” c) Feedback’s or statements from Vice Ministers and /or high official representatives from partner countries (up to 5 minutes) d) Summary of the discussion including “Vientiane Joint Statement...” becomes generally accepted (agreement in principal)	Presentation of the objective and the expected outcome of the meeting: Mr. Noupnan Outsa Director General of TVET Department/ MoES Presentation of Joint Statement and moderation of the meeting : Dr. Rolf Gennrich
10:00-10:45	3. Collecting ideas about the establishment of a permanent TVET Policy dialogue and monitoring process beyond the 3rd TVET Conference a) Introduction into the topic “Permanent TVET policy dialogue on TVET” b) Exchange of ideas, collecting proposals c) Summary and agreement on next steps	Input from GIZ (Programme Director/Dr. Nils Geissler RECOTVET)
10:45-11:00	Other remarks or statements from participants Summary and final remarks	All delegations from ASEAN member countries Prof. Dr. Kongsy Vice Minister of Education

4. Output of the meeting:

The output can be summarized as follows:

1. The high ranking representatives from 10 Asian countries highly appreciate the accomplishment of the 3rd TVET Conference on Inclusive and Labour market oriented TVET” in Vientiane, Lao PDR.
They express their gratitude and sincere thanks to the host of this Conference, the Ministry of Education and Sports of Lao PDR, as well as to the Government of Germany, namely the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, for the unprecedented support and commitment in carrying out the 3rd conference.
2. The high ranking representatives from 10 Asian countries fully agree upon the draft of the “Vientiane Joint Statement on Inclusive and labour Market oriented TVET “as discussed at this meeting. One additional suggestion has been made in order to highlight the main challenges limiting further enhancements and attractiveness of TVET. All participants agreed to adopt the “Joint Statement on TVET” as valuable result of this conference in order to serve as guideline and orientation for the period of the next one to two years of cross-regional cooperation in Asia. The participants agreed to distribute the final version of the “Joint Statement” to all ASEAN member countries, including the regional authorities, international organisations and last but not least to the delegations from Pakistan, Mongolia and Timor Leste.
3. The high ranking representatives agree to continue TVET politic talks in a more systematic manner. Consequently they will inform and convince their respective governments to be committed to establish and to support a permanent TVET policy dialogue and monitoring process in ASEAN and beyond as result of the 3rd TVET Conference.

5. List of participants of Policy Dialog Meeting

	Name	Function	Country
ASEAN Representatives			
1.	Dr. Chaipreuk Sereerak	Secretary General of the Office of Vocational Education Commission (OVEC) Ministry of Education	Thailand
2.	Prof. Numyoot Songthanapitak	President of Regional Association of Vocational Teacher Education in SEA	ASEAN
3.	Dr. Kry Seang Long	Director Vocational Education Department Ministry of Labour	Cambodia
4.	Laov HIM	Director General of TVET at the Ministry of Education	Cambodia
5.	Mr. Agung	Department of Technical and Vocational Education	Indonesia
6.	Hong Minh Nguyen	Vice-Director General, General Directorate for Vocational Training	Vietnam
7.	Mr. Win Maw Tun	Director General TVET Department	Myanmar
8.	Dr. Gatot Hari Priowirjanto	Director ASEAN Secretariat Bangkok	ASEAN
9.	Mr. Noupanh Outsa	Director General of TVET / MoES	Lao PDR
10.	Ass. Prof. Dr. Kongsy Sengmany	Vice Minister of Education and Sports	Lao PDR
Representatives from Asian Countries			
11.	Ms. Altanjargal Batnyam	Head of TVET Policy Coordination Department	Mongolia
12.	Mr. Javaid Nisar	Director National Commission on TVET	Pakistan
13.	Mr. Albano Salem	Director General for Secondary and Vocational Education	Timor Leste
Resource Persons			
14.	Mr. Armin Hofmann	GIZ-Director VELA/Laos	Germany
15.	Dr. Nils Geissler	GIZ-Director RECOTVET	Germany
16.	Dr. Rolf Gennrich	Senior Expert TVET-Policy	Germany

