



Schweizer Forum für Berufsbildung und Internationale Zusammenarbeit **Forum Suisse pour la Formation Professionnelle et la Coopération Internationale** **Swiss Forum for Skills Development and International Cooperation**

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Switzerland has long been involved in skills development within the context of international cooperation. Because this form of cooperation manifests itself in a variety of ways, there has not been much interaction between the various actors, who nonetheless often have to contend with very similar issues.

The Swiss Forum for Skills Development and International Cooperation (FoBBIZ) therefore seeks to encourage such interaction and to raise public awareness of the importance of the international dimension of skills development.

WHAT ARE OUR AIMS?

BUILDING NETWORKS AND INTERACTION

FoBBIZ wishes to foster networking between Swiss and international stakeholders working in the area of skills development. It therefore seeks to encourage interaction between international and development policy perspectives and more technical, skills development-related perspectives.

Existing resources within the Swiss system of upper-secondary level vocational education and training and tertiary-level professional education (VPET system) are now being marshalled and used to reinforce international cooperation. At the same time, the knowledge and experiences of those involved in international cooperation feeds into Swiss dialogue.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK

Developments and topics relating to international cooperation are communicated and disseminated through existing channels. In the future, new channels may emerge.

This will enable the Swiss professional community and the general public to become more aware of how aspects of skills development are used in international cooperation.

WHO IS FoBBIZ FOR?

FoBBIZ is intended for all stakeholders in Switzerland who are involved in international aspects of skills development.

This includes people, organisations, associations or companies active at various levels:

- Cooperation to foster skills development in industrialised, emerging and developing countries
- Supporting in-company training processes through private-sector investment in third countries
- Seeking to achieve recognition of vocational, professional and higher education qualifications within an international context.

WHAT DOES FoBBIZ DO?

It

.... organises events, conferences and technical meetings for the purpose of enabling experts in the area of skills development and international cooperation to more effectively establish contacts and exchange information with one another.

.... leads a public relations group that seeks to provide Swiss VPET stakeholders and the general public with regular information about skills development and international cooperation and to raise awareness of this area.

.... initiates and moderates working groups to identify and analyse key approaches and trends relating to skills development and international cooperation.

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