

The 7th All Africa Regional Conference

The Technical Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Authority (TEVETA) of Zambia hosted the 7th All Africa Regional Conference of the International Vocation Education and Training Association (IVETA). The conference was held at the Luxurious Zambezi Sun hotel near the mighty Victoria Falls from the 10th to 13th August 2008. The conference was officially opened by the Minister of Science, Technology and Vocational Training who represented the Vice President of the Republic of Zambia Mr. Rupiah Banda.



Minister of Science, Technology and Vocational Training Mr. Peter Daka – MP reading the official opening speech on behalf of the Vice President

Two hundred and two (202) delegates from the United States of America, Australia, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Finland, Ghana, South Africa, Malawi, Mauritius, Russia, Botswana, Namibia, Uganda, Swaziland, Lesotho, Tanzania and of course the host country, Zambia attended the conference.



Dr David Fretwell IVETA International President

The theme of the conference was **“Achieving Poverty reduction Through Quality Vocational educational education and Training in partnership with industry”**.

A total of 36 papers were presented around the following sub themes;



Mr. Abel Modungwa – IVETA Vice president Africa region

- 1) Policy Frameworks
- 2) The role of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Post Conflict African countries
- 3) TVET and the Informal Sector
- 4) TVET and Qualifications Frameworks
- 5) Partnerships with Industry
- 6) Improving Access to TVET
- 7) Financing TVET



Dr Patrick Nkanza – TEVETA Zambia Director General

The conference attracted high profile speakers from government ministries and departments, training authorities, training providers and industry. Amongst them was Dr Buleti Nsemukila - Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Science, Technology and Vocation Training in Zambia, Dr David Fretwell - President of IVETA, Mr Abel Modungwa – IVETA Vice President Africa Region and Chief Executive Officer of the Botswana Training Authority, Dr. Patrick K Nkanza – Director General of TEVETA Zambia, Mr. Samuel Isaacs – Chief Executive Officer of the South African Qualifications Authority,

Mr. Sam Motoroba – Deputy Director General responsible Employment and Skills Development Services in South Africa, and Mr. John Mashazi responsible for the Barloworld Equipment Technical Training programmes for the Southern Africa Region.



Delegates listening to a presentation during one of the plenary sessions

The business community as well as TVET stakeholders both in Zambia and those from abroad, took advantage of the conference which provided an opportunity for them to meet and share information and experiences for improving and advancing TVET in their respective countries. A number of renowned book sellers also exhibited their education and training materials at the conference. Important to mention



Livingstone Institute of Business and technical College presenting a table to the Guest of honor – made by the students

The conference went on smoothly and important to note was the support that industry and other organizations provided to the conference. Results of the conference evaluation indicated that delegates were very impressed with the quality of the papers. TEVETA wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to all individuals and organizations that contributed to the success of the 7th All Africa Regional Conference. A special thank you message is being extended to IVETA International Secretariat, the gtz office in South Africa, Barclays Bank Zambia Ltd, Stanbic Bank Zambia, Shreeji Investment Ltd, Printech Ltd,

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The successes highlighted above did not come without challenges. One major challenge was the unavailability of some of the paper presenters who could not attend due to reasons beyond their control. This factor did not affect the conference significantly because there were enough presenters on stand by to replace those who did not turn up. Some of the presenters did not turn up because they did not have sponsors for their participation. Sponsorship for paper presenters is one area worth considering for future conferences



Group photo during the conference



Delegates during the sunset cruise in the Zambezi River



A common experience on the road to the Zambezi Sun Hotel