

Proposals of the Republic of Belarus on the cooperation development in the field of vocational education and training with the UAE

The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus represented by the educational institution “Republican Institute for Vocational Education” willing to make its contribution to strengthening cooperation in the field of vocational education and training on a long-term and integrated basis with the United Arab Emirates offers to develop the following areas of cooperation on a contractual basis:

1. Carrying out joint researches and implementing cooperation projects in the following fields:

- Skill demand and supply forecasting
- VET for sustainable development, skills for green economy
- Skill needs in sectors, national qualification framework
- Competency-based curriculum design
- Didactics of vocational education
- Concepts of sectoral VET Centres of Excellence
- VET quality assurance
- Financing of training
- Continuous vocational education, permeability of educational paths
- Validation of non-formal and informal learning
- Teachers and instructors in VET
- VET for persons with special needs

2. To develop a **model of an educational center – VET Center of Excellence** (multi-field and multifunctional VET institution, hereafter the Centre) in the UAE for training highly skilled staff for the social and manufacturing sector according to the priority types of economic activity of the UAE.

The Belarusian side is to be provided with all the necessary information concerning availability of premises to organize the educational process (space-planning decisions), the required (forecasted) number of trained staff, categories of trainees and training periods of The UAEi citizens. The purpose, functions, profile and educational programmes of the Centre will be determined in the course of negotiations of the UAE and Belarusian sides.

VET Centres of Excellence can be established in the sectors of construction, mechanical engineering, automobile technologies, light industry, agriculture, renewable energy sources and resource saving technologies.

2.1. To develop and deliver scientific and methodological provision of the educational process for the established Centre by occupations of the corresponding economic sectors of the UAE, including:

- educational programmes (educational standard),
- curricula,

- training materials (syllabus for theoretical and practical training),
- textbooks and learning aids,
- list of the electronic teaching aids,
- lay-outs of training laboratories /rooms/workshops,
- suggestions concerning the list of the necessary training equipment, appliances and tools.

3. To provide retraining, upskilling, internship programs for VET managers, teachers and trainers who deliver VET programmes in the UAE.

Training of the citizens of the UAE can be organized in different forms of education, including distance learning, combined intramural and extramural forms, and is carried out in English.

The educational programme, its duration, form of education will be customized to the demand of each particular organisation of the UAE.

The trainees will be issued a standard certificate upon the successful completion of educational programmes.

Training can be provided in the following directions:

3.1. Retraining in the specialty “Vocational Education” with the award of the qualification “Pedagogue” for VET teachers and trainers of vocational education institutions of the UAE. The programmes allow differentiating the training, depending on the customer’s needs for specific competencies of trainees, based on the modular approach.

Upon completion of training the trainees will be awarded a certificate entitling them to carry out pedagogical activities in VET institutions and at production site.

3.2. Upskilling for VET teachers and trainers who are directly engaged in pedagogical activities in educational institutions and at production site.

The training is offered in the form of separate modules, covering all major components of the vocational education process design, organisation and implementation.

3.3. Internships for VET teachers and trainers who are directly engaged in pedagogical activities in educational institutions and at production site, aimed at mastering state-of-the-art technologies in the field of mechanical engineering, automobile technologies, industrial and civil construction, road-building machinery, wood working, electrical power engineering, agro-food processing, resource saving technologies and renewable energy, etc.

4. Technical vocational education at the level “Middle Manager” and “Technical Specialist”. Educational programmes are offered at the Belarusian vocational education institutions and result in the acquisition of the qualification “Technician. VET Trainer” in the education profile requested by the UAE.

Training of the citizens of the UAE will be provided according to the target-oriented and custom designed curricula.

The duration of studies makes up from 2 to 3 years depending on the training profile. A standard diploma will be issued upon completion of an educational programme.

5. Vocational training (short-term courses) for citizens of the UAE in Belarus in occupations being in high demand in the UAE.

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