



Humber College Selected as the Lead Institution for Young Africa Works-TVET-18 and Supporting Institution for TVET-21 and 23

The International Development Institute (IDI) at Humber College continues its work in Kenya through three TVET projects: TVET-18, TVET-21 and TVET-23.



Young Africa Works-Kenya-TVET-18 Kickstart meeting.

Humber College has won three projects under the Young Africa Works-Kenya: Youth Employability through TVET (Young Africa Works in Kenya-TVET) initiative with a total value of \$3,344,789. The program will run for three years through a partnership between Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) and the Mastercard Foundation.

“We are excited to continue our work and scale to new regions in Kenya,” says Nalini Andrade, Manager, International Development Institute (IDI). “Humber’s involvement with Young Africa Works demonstrates our commitment to deliver innovative and equitable capacity-building to transform and contribute to the growing Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector in the region.”

Humber is the lead institution under Young Africa Works-Kenya-TVET-18, in partnership with its supporting Canadian institution Vancouver Island University (VIU), along with Kenyan TVET institutions Sigalagala National Polytechnic, Bondo Technical Training Institute and their mentee institutions. Humber’s International Development Institute, in collaboration with the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology and the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Science and Innovative Learning, will work with the Kenyan partner institutions to implement a competency-based approach to teaching and learning. This will equip Kenyan youth with the skills, knowledge and training to compete in the global workplace and contribute to Kenya’s economy.

The funding from the three new projects adds to IDI’s existing project portfolio under the Young Africa Works in Kenya-TVET program, which includes TVET-02 (Recognition of Prior Learning), TVET-07 and further builds on an existing four-year engagement with the country through KEFEP (Kenya Education for Employment Program).

“The project has come at the opportune time when the TVET institutions in Kenya are rolling out the CBET courses. It will equip the youths in the Kenyan TVET institutions with industry-responsive skills that assure them marketability on the job market,” says Mr. Evans Bosire, Sigalagala National Polytechnic’s principal.

“Young Africa Works is designed to equip young people with employable skills and build their confidence as they transition from school to the world of work,” says Ivy Mwai, Kenya Country Program Lead and Program Lead, Education and Skills.

Dr. Farzad Rayegani, the Senior Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology (FAST) observes that “skills training and a collaborative approach with our industry partners, we are transforming lives and empowering teachers and students to help them build a better future.” “I am truly excited to continue our momentum for this important, global initiative and look forward to our team making a positive difference that will inspire change,” says Dr. Rayegani.



Sigalagala National Polytechnic (left) and Bondo Technical Training Institute (right).

Under projects TVET-21 and TVET-23, Humber will act as the supporting institution along with Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick (CCNB) to the project lead, Cègép Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (CSTJ), to support Nyandarua National Polytechnic (NyNP), Konoin Technical Training Institute (KTTI), Rift Valley Institute of Science and Technology (RVIST), Meru Nyeri Polytechnic (MNP) and Mukiria Technical Training Institute (MTTI) in enhancing TVET at their institutions.

Through Young Africa Works-Kenya-TVET-18, TVET-21 and TVET-23, Humber will continue to develop, implement and support practices, policies, procedures and principles at the Kenyan institutions to enhance TVET over the next four years. Humber will continue to provide its Kenyan partners with inclusive and equitable capacity-building to bridge the gap between education and industry.

“Young African Works TVET-18 is a timely idea finding a long-lasting solution to the youth Employment challenges and reducing poverty in Kenya, particularly the western region of the country. This can be achieved by enabling young people to secure dignified and fulfilling employment,” says Mrs. Lucy Khoja, Principal of Bondo Technical Training Institute.

Kenyan youth will gain pathways to employment in The Big Four areas (Food Security, Affordable Housing, Manufacturing & Affordable Healthcare) and digital sectors to contribute to Kenya’s Vision 2030 of transforming Kenya into a middle-income country through dignified and fulfilling work.

“This project is grounded in a commitment to gender equity, with a common goal to empower women and girls through education,” says Gina Antonacci, Senior Vice-President, Academic. “Humber’s continued engagement with Kenya has brought tremendous value to our staff, students and the college overall. It is a privilege to engage with our African partners as we enhance our own perspective on educational reform and build our capacity to address the global issues and challenges that impact us all.”

TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) is education and training which provides knowledge and skills for employment. TVET is recognized to be a crucial vehicle for social equity, inclusion and sustainable development. Humber College's engagement in the Young Africa Works program aligns with its support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

About Humber College

www.idi.humber.ca

About the Mastercard Foundation

The Mastercard Foundation works with visionary organizations to enable young people in Africa and in Indigenous communities in Canada to access dignified and fulfilling work. It is one of the largest, private foundations in the world with a mission to advance learning and promote financial inclusion to create an inclusive and equitable world. The Foundation was created by Mastercard in 2006 as an independent organization with its own Board of Directors and management.

For more information on the Foundation, please visit: www.mastercardfdn.org

About Young Africa Works

Young Africa Works is Mastercard Foundation's strategy to enable 30 million young people, particularly young women, across Africa to access dignified and fulfilling work. Africa will have the largest workforce, with 375 million young people entering the labour market by 2030. With the right skills, these young people will contribute to Africa's overall competitiveness and improve their lives and those of their communities.

Mastercard Foundation will implement the Young Africa Works program in 10 African countries in partnership with governments, private sector, business leaders, educators, and youth. In the initial phase, the countries identified by Mastercard Foundation include Rwanda, Kenya, Senegal, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, and Uganda.

For more information, please visit: www.mastercardfdn.org.