



- Titel:** IVETNET – Initiierungsveranstaltung zum Ausbau eines Fortbildungs- und Forschungsnetzes für VET-Berufspädagogen in Südafrika  
*IVETNET – Initial Event in order to extend a network on advanced training and research for VET-vocational educators in South Africa*
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**Brief description:**

The VET-NET (VET: Vocational Education and Training) came about as the result of a joint R&D project carried out by the University of Rostock with the Universidade Pedagógica in Mozambique. The aim of this project was and is to make vocational training accessible to people working in all areas of Mozambique. Central sites based in Rostock and Maputo are responsible for coordinating the work of the decentralised sites throughout the country.

The plan is to now extend this network beyond Mozambique to also include South Africa. To attract other cooperation partners from university and non-university vocational training institutions in South Africa to the training and research network for VET vocational educators (VET-NET) in South Africa, the Technical Training and Education work area of the University of Rostock issued an invitation to attend an initial event in the framework of the German-South African Year of Science 2012/13. This function, which was held from 8 to 12 October 2012, was staged in Cape Town and the Western Cape Region. The aim of the event was to publicise the network concept in South Africa among the relevant target groups (potential partners from industry, universities, colleges and government agencies, as well as in specialist and general-interest media). It likewise hoped to bring on board other cooperation partners from university and non-university vocational training institutions in South Africa and to work out a strategy for the joint undertaking.

The attendees included representatives from the University of Rostock, University of Witwatersrand, various colleges of further education and training) and universities in the Western Cape Region, from government agencies and industry as well as from research and funding institutions. Delegations of the network partners from Ethiopia and Mozambique were also invited to the event as external experts so they could report about their experiences working in the international Sub-Sahara Network. Cape Town was selected as the venue as one of the objectives is to interest partners from



the southernmost regions of South Africa in the network. In addition, a tour of West Coast College in Malmesbury was organised, together with a discussion about the situation of vocational training at MTU South Africa Ltd.

Expansion of the network in South Africa has been successful, now resulting in the organisation of training workshops for teachers working in vocational education and training at a number of locations in the Western Cape region. In addition, the cooperation partners plan to set up joint R&D programmes aimed at the further development of vocational training.