

## **Workshop to Develop A CURriculuM (DACUM) in the professions of Car Mechanics and Cook**

The Lebanese Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany focus their bilateral technical cooperation on the strengthening of the vocational education system via "the Promotion of Vocational Education and Small and Medium Enterprise Development" program. This program matches the requirements of the private economic sector with the new practice-oriented vocational training (through the establishment of the Vocational Secondary Certificate / Dual System), by supporting the partners from both sectors in their respective roles in the labor market. Accordingly, the program encourages the dialogue between the public and private sectors via their institutions: the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Lebanon, the four chambers, the Directorate General of Vocational and Technical Education, as well as the technical and vocational schools and institutes, thereby constantly developing useful activities that put the strategies of the partners into action.

In this regard, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Lebanon, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Vocational and Technical Education, has initiated a workshop at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Beirut, on 4 and 5 June 2013, to Develop A CURriculuM (DACUM) in the professions of Car Mechanics and Cook. DACUM seeks to bridge the gap between what the students are learning in vocational schools and institutes, and the labor market skills' requirements.

The DACUM workshop identifies the tasks and duties, which a student in a certain specialization is supposed to implement in his future work. The defined tasks and duties would contribute, at a later stage, in the development of an educational program which will be suited to the reality of the work. Specialists / Representatives from the following companies: Kettaneh Frères, Gharghour & Sons, Auto Qassem, Sofil Catering, Phoenicia Hotel as well as The Four Seasons' Hotel were invited to specify the requested students' or trainees' tasks and duties.

The discussion was moderated by representatives from the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Lebanon as well as from the four chambers, who have been professionally trained in advance on the moderation and presentation techniques. The participants were divided into two groups: one for the Cook Profession and the other for the Car Mechanics' profession.

The workshop is the first of its kind in bringing together specialists from the Private Sector to develop a detailed list of the tasks of the above mentioned professions. This activity will, in fact, be followed by two additional workshops; the first one will be held on 17 September in Zahle (Cook Profession), and the second one on 26 September, in Beirut (Car Mechanics Profession), so that the results would be validated in order to submit them to the Directorate General of Vocational and Technical Education, thus leading to the development of a more adapted curriculum.

Photos are available on the following links:

- Presentation and moderation techniques workshop:

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- Training on DACUM facilitation:

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- DACUM workshop

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