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Center on Education and Training for Employment receives prestigious UNEVOC-UNESCO designation

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Center on Education for Training and Employment at The Ohio State University recently was designated as the first U.S. member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) network on technical, vocational education, and training. The network, known as UNEVOC, seeks to enhance a country’s economic competitiveness and quality of life through the development of its workforce.

The Center on Education and Training for Employment (CETE), located in the College of Education and Human Ecology, has for more than 40 years conducted international research and development projects on workforce development.

David Andrews, dean of the college, stated, “Receiving this prestigious designation recognizes CETE’s long history of leadership in the field and provides future

opportunities to help enhance educational systems on a global scale, especially in emerging and post-conflict nations.”

Dean Andrews further pointed out that the UNEVOC projects will draw upon the expertise of faculty, staff, and students across the Ohio State University community. Together, they will tackle UNEVOC’s six major themes, including making education available to all people, ensuring the sustainability of educational systems, and developing educational professionals.

Ronald L. Jacobs, director of CETE, stated, “As part of a research community, our UNEVOC Center will undertake projects that are supported both by best practices and sound theory related to developing a skilled workforce. When such information is not available, we will also assume leadership in generating useful knowledge on this critical global economic development issue.” CETE scholars are particularly interested in developing partnerships and projects with nations in Africa and the Arab Middle East.

More than 200 UNEVOC centers worldwide are involved in research, information exchange, networking, and international collaboration. UNEVOC is headquartered in Bonn, Germany.

The Center on Education and Training for Employment’s state, national, and international clients are from education, governmental agencies, organized labor, and public and private entities.