AGENDA

TITLE:

Webinar: Production Units in Centres of Vocational Excellence

ONLINE ZOOM WEBINAR

14 December 2026, 11.00 – 12.30 CET

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
11.00-11.10	**Welcome and introduction**	Stefan Thomas, Senior Human Capital Development Expert Isabelle Le Mouillour, Head of Unit, International Vet Comparison, Research and Monitoring, BIBB Lea Maiczack, Research Associate, BIBB
11.10-11.35	**Production Units in Centers of Vocational Excellence:** **Findings from a global review** This ETF study explored different models of Production Units, their benefits for learners, institutions and regional ecosystems, and the conditions for success. The presentation will highlight how to balance educational goals, real market demand and income generation, with key implications for policy and practice.	Gert-Jan Lindeboom, ETF expert, Ockham IPS
11.35-12:00	**Industry-relevant vocational learning at Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore** At Temasek Polytechnic's Advanced Manufacturing Centre students work on real industry projects, from digitalising legacy machines to prototyping new ones. Discover how projects funded under SkillsFuture Singapore's Mentorship Support Grant (MSG) help SMEs transform their operations while students gain valuable hands-on experience and the workforce develops new skills.	Peng Ching Ho, Deputy Director, School of Engineering, Temasek Polytechnic
12.00-12.25	**Putting learning first at Rubengera Technical Campus, Rwanda**	Tim Bluthardt,

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	In Rwanda, production units within vocational training institutions play a key role in linking skills development with economic opportunities. The Rubengera Production Unit at the Rubengera Technical Campus is an example of how training in wood technology and carpentry is integrated into production activities. You will learn how skills development, production and institutional sustainability can be effectively aligned in a rural context, and how the role of the Production Unit has been strategically adapted as local craftspeople and businesses continue to grow.	CEO of proQglobal and advisor to RTC since 2011
12.25-12.30	**Wrap-up and closure**	Stefan Thomas, ETF