

To Whom It May Concern

Re. Global Careers Month (8 November – 13 December 2022)

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Inter-Agency¹ Working Group on Career Guidance (IAG WGCG), composed of Cedefop, the European Commission, ETF, ILO, OECD, UNESCO and World Bank is launching a Global Careers Month during which the European and international organisations will promote a series of global and regional events in partnership with regional focal points driven by career guidance professional associations related local organisations at practice level operating in the area of career development for both young people and adults. Previous work has highlighted the importance of investing in career guidance².

The objective of the Global Careers Month is to i) raise awareness about the role and importance of effective career guidance to enable access to decent work and career opportunities during economic recovery; ii) identify shared challenges to the development of effective career guidance systems as well as local specificities linked to local contexts. The initiative will also iii) showcase high quality and innovative solutions to promote career development support in diverse contexts and for learners at different stages in their educational and career pathways together with dissemination of research undertaken by the collaborating international organisations on design and delivery of effective career guidance.

A **global opening** event takes place online on **8 November 2022** and a **global closing event** online on **13 December 2022**. Regional events across the globe, from Southeast Asia and Oceania to the European Union, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the MENA region, Central, Eastern and Southern Africa and the Americas, will dive into the challenges, opportunities, solutions, practices and policies in the field. **Regional focal points** will lead in close consultation with the IAG WGCG in the design and implementation of these practice-oriented, locally driven regional events that will take place during the Global Careers Month.

The **Canadian Career Development Foundation** is the regional focal point for North America. The role of the focal point will be to consolidate or where existing mobilise a regional career guidance network in the field by contacting relevant service and professional organisations in the region and involve the network in the definition of key topics for the regional event that are framed by the concept note offered, and in the event development and implementation that will take place in the framework of the Global Careers Month.³

We thank you for your support and cooperation with regional focal points to make the regional event a success!

The IAG WGCG

¹ shorturl.at/mDEG5

² <https://europa.eu/lnwdpqU> AND <https://europa.eu/lkJKhwv>

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