**Lifelong learning: What does it mean?**

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Lifelong learning is the continuous building of skills and knowledge throughout the life of an individual. Learning is therefore part of life which takes place at all times and in all places. It is a continuous lifelong process, going on from birth to the end of our life, beginning with learning from families, communities, schools, religious institutions, workplaces, etc. It occurs through experiences encountered in the course of a lifetime. Lifelong learning, also known as LLL, is the "lifelong, voluntary, and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. As such, it not only enhances social inclusion, active citizenship and personal development, but also competitiveness and employability. It shares mixed connotations with other educational concepts such as Adult Education, Training, Continuous Education, Permanent Education and other terms that relate to learning beyond the formal educational system. Lifelong Learning is the use of both formal and informal learning opportunities.