

Expert roots for new curriculum

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"We don't have a shortage of graduates; rather we have a shortage of relevancy in skill development of graduates," said, Dr Samia Abbas, the secretary general of the Union of African Journalists (UAJ).

According to Abbas, the education system in

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Africa is lacking because most universities focus on knowledge acquisition, but not technical skill development.

The remarks were made during the round table discussion with African journalists from 25 countries, who were attending the 50th training course for young African journalists at the Supreme Council for media regulations in Cairo recently.

During the round table discussion, most journalists expressed that unemployment rates are high in Africa because most graduates lack skills. In most course units students do, they just memorise things to pass exams, instead of understanding the concept.

However, to curb unemployment, Abbas recommended that, "there is need to realign the curriculum in order to meet the market relevancy because the world needs skillful graduates equipped with market needs."

She also said, universities should put more emphasis on technical education such that graduates become job creators, instead of job seekers.