

GESCI FACT SHEET

Founded: 2003 by the UN ICT Task Force at the World Summit on the Information Society

Mission: To support the development of the capacity of developing countries to use and integrate ICT in teaching, learning, research, innovation, and training administration for the creation of a knowledge society.

Vision: A Knowledge Society For All

Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya

Primary Donors: Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Sida, Irish Aid, and SDC

Partners: Ministries responsible for education (including higher education), vocational skills development, science and technology, innovation, and the environment. Research Institutions, Technology and Innovation companies, Civil Society Groups, and International NGOs.

Programs:

- **Leadership and institutional development:** (of Ministries in charge of education, vocational training and science and technology) where GESCI develops capacities to address the use of ICT and ICT innovations to address key educational challenges of access, equity, quality, relevance and management.
- **Professional Development:** supporting the development and strengthening of ICT related skills at all levels of the education and training system which includes developing teacher/ tutor capacities and competencies in the use and integration of ICTs as well as ICT skills development.
- **Research and Innovation** to strengthen the knowledge base on the use and integration of ICT in the education system as well as the application of new knowledge and innovation for education, science and technology within the context of developing knowledge societies.

Outputs:

- a) Strengthened capacities of Ministries responsible for education (including higher education), vocational skills development, science and technology, innovation, and the environment;
- b) Facilitating the development and implementation of national policies, strategies, plans and budgets for ICT use and integration;
- c) Strengthened ICT integration skills, knowledge and competencies for teachers;

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- d) Contributing to enhancing the ICT in education knowledge base;
- e) Forums for policy makers and practitioners for knowledge exchange and policy dialog
- f) Over the long-term an increase in the number of ICT literate graduates with 21st century competencies and skills entering the labour market.

If you are a Donor:

Contact alex.twinomugisha@gesci.org to discuss opportunities to complement and further strengthen donor initiatives and create more sustainable environments for ICT integration across a number of education and training domains.

If you are a Teacher, lecturer or instructor:

Contact mary.hooker@gesci.org for a guide to GESCI resources on teacher, lecturer and instructor professional development in both French and English.

If you represent a Ministry responsible for education (including higher education), vocational skills development, science and technology, innovation, or the environment:

Contact esther.wachira@gesci.org or patti.swarts@gesci.org to learn more about how GESCI can support policy development, competency framework development, leadership capacity development, strategy, project preparation (including design and appraisal), institutional capacity constraint and strength appraisal, m-learning and emerging technology augmentation to existing projects, and more.

If you work for an African or international development organization:

Contact niamh.brannigan@gesci.org to learn about the benefits of forming a strategic partnership with GESCI.

If you work for a technology and innovation firm in the private sector:

Contact alex.twinomugisha@gesci.org to learn more about the role of the private sector in our research and innovation programs.

If you are a volunteer or student:

Contact niamh.brannigan@gesci.org to learn how you can contribute to GESCI's vision of A Knowledge Society for All through an internship program.

If you are a researcher or consultant:

Please contact mary.hooker@gesci.org for more information on our research programs and partnerships.

If you would like GESCI to engage in global policy dialog in any forum (online or conference/event):

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