

# LETTER OF INTENT

Between

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**UNESCO**

And

**GLOBAL E-SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**  
A GLOBAL PROGRAMME ESTABLISHED BY THE UN-ICT TASKFORCE

**GESCI**

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## Preamble

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- **Whereas** UNESCO's current programme objectives include building inclusion Knowledge Societies through improvement of teaching/learning and the management of education systems with the effective and appropriate use of information and communication technologies, and

GeSCI's new strategy 2009-2011 builds on the UNESCO's concept of inclusive Knowledge Societies as an overall framework for educational development and emphasises that ICTs can contribute to resolving some of the major problems facing education.

UNESCO and GeSCI hereby intend to strengthen their cooperation in this field and to streamline activities in support of the common objectives in the area of Education, Sciences, Culture, Communication and Information, and the country programmes, regional programmes and global activities of GeSCI.

UNESCO and GeSCI intend to cooperate in the pursuit of two common goals:

- To promote jointly the concept of Inclusive Knowledge Societies as a framework for educational development.
- To promote the use of ICT in the development of education; addressing common developmental challenges such as equal access to education, the quality of teaching and learning, efficiency of the education system and the relevance of education for the development of society.

This collaboration will permit both organizations to leverage the work of the other in achieving their respective goals and to develop partnerships with other strategic organizations at the global, regional and country levels.

## Framework of Collaboration

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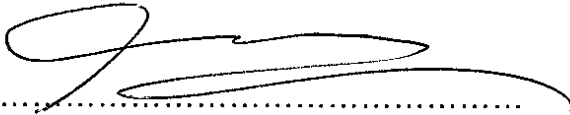
The primary objectives of this collaboration will be to initially address developmental challenges in the following areas:

- Developing capacities, strategies and policy frameworks on ICT4E and the building of Knowledge Societies in developing countries
- Teacher capacity building frameworks on ICT in Education, especially in the context of developing countries
- ICT4E research and tool development in specific ICT4E areas linking research to the development of policies and practice (like TCO tool, planning and evaluation tools)

In addition, UNESCO and GeSCI plan to develop a more comprehensive partnership agreement detailing their intended collaboration in the near future.

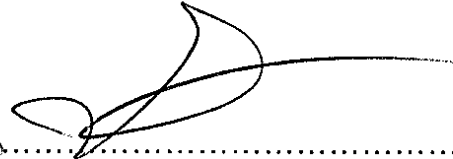
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