

## Press Release

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### GESCI APPOINTS NEW CEO

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GESCI, an International NGO founded by the UN ICT Task Force in 2003 has appointed Jerome Morrissey as its new CEO. ([www.gesci.org](http://www.gesci.org))



Jerome Morrissey GESCI CEO

Mr. Morrissey, first director of the National Centre for Technology in Education in Ireland ([www.ncte.ie](http://www.ncte.ie)), will oversee the fulfillment of GESCI's mission to contribute to the development of **knowledge societies** through the provision of strategic advice and technical support on the integration of ICT in Education, Science, Technology and Innovation systems in developing countries. Mr. Morrissey will be based at GESCI's headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr. Morrissey has been responsible for the implementation of the Irish government's ICT Initiative in Irish schools and for advising the Government on ICT policy in education. Mr. Morrissey takes over from **Jyrki Pulkkinen** who has returned to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland as Senior Adviser on Information Society Science, Technology and Innovation following a three year term with GESCI.

"I am delighted that Jerome Morrissey is to be the new CEO of GeSCI. He has contributed very significantly to Irish education, particularly in the areas of media arts and in furthering ICT integration in our schools - always bringing enthusiasm, creativity and a great sense of imagination to his work. I wish him every success in his new role" said Mr. Ruairi Quinn, Minister for Education and Skills, Ireland.

**GESCI works with Ministries of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation to strengthen human and institutional capacity in ICT** policy development, strategic implementation and large-scale planning, teacher, lecturer and instructor professional development, curriculum and assessment reform, e-content development, and monitoring and evaluation. **GESCI is working with Governments in Kenya, Rwanda, Ghana, Tanzania, Mauritius, Zambia, South Africa, Uganda, Angola, Botswana and more. GESCI is a partner of the African Union Commission (AUC), the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).**

Formerly a post-primary teacher and principal Mr. Morrissey brings a wealth of experience to the post, having served as vice-chairman of the EUN Steering Committee - a consortium of 28 ministries of education in Europe created in 1997 to lead the way in bringing about change in schooling through the innovative use of new technologies. He is also currently the chair of an EU working group of 15 Ministries of Education on interactive technologies in education. In addition Mr. Morrissey is a member of an expert group on indicators on ICT in education established in 2011 by the European Commission, Directorate General for Education and Culture.

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