



Ushirika wa Maendeleo ya Elimu Barani Afrika
الرابطة لأجل تطوير التربية في إفريقيا
Association for the Development of Education in Africa
Association pour le Développement de l'Éducation en Afrique
Associação para o Desenvolvimento da Educação em África



WHEN: African Development Bank Group (AfDB), CCIA Auditorium

WHERE: Thursday, 28th January, 2016, 3:00pm

Leadership for the Development of Knowledge Society and Education:

- GESCI will honour senior officials and managers trained in Côte d'Ivoire in 2015
- The Memorandum of Understanding between ADEA and GESCI will be renewed
- GESCI and ADEA will announce the holding of two important continental events
- GESCI will announce the launching of a new programme in Côte d'Ivoire

On 28th January, 2016, an official ceremony will be held at the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) in Abidjan. The event will be co-chaired by Hon. Kandia Camara, Minister of Education (MoE) of Côte d'Ivoire and Jerome Morrissey, Chief Executive Officer of the Global e-Schools and Communities Initiative (GESCI), in the presence of the Executive Secretary of the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA), Oley Dibba-Wadda as well as directors and managers from MoE, GESCI, ADEA and AfDB.

Organized by GESCI, the ceremony will officially award certificates to the senior officials and managers from several ministries of Côte d'Ivoire who have successfully completed the African Leadership in ICT and the Development of Knowledge Society (ALICT) course delivered by GESCI in Côte d'Ivoire in 2015.

ALICT - a flagship initiative of the African Union Commission (AUC) delivered by GESCI - aims to build the capacity of leaders to be agents of change for the development of knowledge societies. In a globalized, increasingly competitive and rapidly changing world, the successful integration of ICTs and the strengthening of scientific, technological and innovation skills have become crucial to foster economic and social progress.

During the event, ADEA and GESCI will renew the Memorandum of Understanding binding them, which aims at strengthening their collaboration in view of increasing the scope and impact of their respective programmes and activities.

In addition, GESCI will announce the launching of the African Digital School Initiative (ADSI) in Côte d'Ivoire in 2017. Two other important events for the education sector in Africa will also be announced: the 2nd Ministerial Forum on the Integration of ICT in Education and the ADEA 2017 Triennale, the most prominent conference on education and training in Africa.

About GESCI

The Global e-Schools and Communities initiative (GESCI) is an international non-profit organisation based in Nairobi, Kenya. GESCI was founded in 2003, on the recommendation of the United Nation's Task Force on ICTs. GESCI's mission is to assist governments in their efforts to promote socio-economic development, through the successful and widespread integration of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) for the development of knowledge societies. For more information please visit: www.gesci.org

About ADEA

The Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) is a forum for policy dialogue, composed of all the 54 Ministers of Education in Africa. Established in 1988 as a framework for better coordination among development agencies, ADEA is a pan-African institution built on a genuine partnership between African ministries of education and training and their technical and external partners. For more information please visit: www.adeanet.org

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