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## Leadership programme in ICT and Knowledge Society development:

- **GESCI and Senegal honour senior civil servants and officers trained in 2015;**
- **An MoU is signed between the Regional School for Telecommunications and GESCI to extend the ALICT programme to other West African countries**

**From GESCI, Nairobi, December 14, 2015.** An event honouring the development of ICTs and knowledge societies in Senegal was held in Dakar, December 11, 2015. The event was chaired by Mr. Abdoul Kane Yaya, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Senegal and Mr. Jerome Morrissey, CEO of the Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative (GESCI).

The ceremony, which took place at hotel Novotel in Dakar officially awarded certificates to the senior civil servants and officers from various Senegalese ministries and universities who have successfully completed the African leadership in ICT and Knowledge Society Development (ALICT) programme. Twenty-six participants followed the programme in 2015. A special prize was also awarded to the best ALICT student for Senegal, Roger Marcelin Faye.

The event also featured the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by GESCI's CEO and the CEO of the *Ecole supérieure multinationale des télécommunications* (ESMT), Mr. Mohamadou A. Saibou. The partnership between GESCI and ESMT will facilitate the delivery of the ALICT program to other state bodies and West African countries, including Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Togo and Guinea Conakry.

Chairing the ceremony, the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications expressed appreciation for the support provided by GESCI, which is strengthening leaders' skills in the area of ICTs, technological innovation and Knowledge Society development. He hoped this would trigger positive changes led by the graduates who are leaders in charge of guiding the development of Senegal through the national initiative "*Sénégal Emergeant*" (Emerging Senegal). The Minister also thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland for the support it provides to the ALICT program, an initiative of the African Union.

Co-chairing the ceremony, GESCI's CEO said "*We are delighted with the positive response of Senegal to our Leadership in ICT and Knowledge Society Development programme*". "*We highly appreciate the presence of the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, who is here today to honour the Senegalese participants who have successfully completed the ALICT programme*". He drew the attention to the signing of the MoU between GESCI and ESMT, "*an important development which will enable wider access to the ALICT programme both in Senegal and throughout the region*".

The ALICT course aims to build the capacity of leaders to be agents of change within their organisations, countries and regions for the development of knowledge societies. In a globalized, rapidly changing world where competition is strong, integrating and strengthening ICT and scientific, technological and innovation skills has become crucial to foster economic and social progress.

ALICT is an initiative of the African Union Commission (AUC) supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and implemented by GESCI.

Ecole Supérieure Multinationale des Télécommunications (ESMT) is a higher education institution created by Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo to advance knowledge society in West 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 about GESCI visit [www.gesci.org](http://www.gesci.org)

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