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MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION NATIONALE,
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African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI)

141 Secondary School Teachers awarded Technology Literacy Certificates

In a presentation event in Abidjan today, The Ministry of National Education and TVET, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, in partnership with GESCI (Global eSchools and Communities' Initiative) marked the first phase of a comprehensive programme to transform schools to digital schools. 141 key secondary teachers from Abidjan and Yamoussoukro have successfully phase 1 of their ICT professional development towards becoming experts in the incorporation of ICT in their teaching. Entitled *African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI)*, the programme provides ICT equipment, digital resources and school ICT planning to help transform the quality of teaching and learning in the participating schools through the integration of IT throughout the school environment.

The certificates were handed out to the successful teachers by the Director of Cabinet Mr. kabran ASSOUMOU remarked: *"Teachers must embrace the comprehensive opportunities that the ENEA provides to become digitally-enabled teachers and more professionally competent to enrich the learning experience of their students"*.

In addition, Mrs. Sylvie TANFLOTIEN, on behalf of GESCI's Director General, Mr. Jerome Morrissey, said: "I thank the Minister for her foresight and her commitment to ensuring that digital technology plays its role in helping to empower teachers professionally and make learning more relevant to the skills needed for the job market in the 21st century".

She also wanted to acknowledge the strategic role played by the Director of the Information Technologies and Systems Department, Mr. Aboubacar Coulibaly and his team as well as the Regional Directors, the COGES and the Heads of Schools in the implementation of this important program, which has been generously funded by the Mastercard Foundation Foundation.

About GESCI

The Global E-Schools and Communities initiative (GESCI) is an international non-profit organisation based in Nairobi, Kenya. GESCI was founded by the United Nations in 2003, 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 the enhancement of teaching and learning through ICT integration and for ICT skills for youth employment. More information available at www.gesci.org

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