

# **Announcement**

**News on ICT in Education** 

## **Highlight**

#### UNESCO and partners set up ICT competency standards for teachers

The competency standards for teachers provide core standards for the integration of information and communication technology (ICT) into the classroom.

## **News & Events**

### infoDev releases report on state of ICT use in education in African countries

Results from 53-country research project highlight "new phase" of activity, from pilot projects to government policy development.

#### Distance Education via radio and TV programmes is seen as a key vehicle to improving literacy and providing access to information

UNESCO supports the production of distance education programmes in Afghanistan.

### Khmer language ICT textbook released

The Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport has launched a new Khmer language ICT textbook that will be used by all public teaching institutions in Cambodia.

#### UNESCO supports new e-learning module on information for development

This new e-learning module is intended to provide the knowledge and awareness required for those responsible for formulating improved information management strategies within their organizations.

### eLearning Africa: 3rd International Conference on ICT for Development, Education and Training

The 3rd International Conference on ICT for Development, Education and Training will take place from May 28 to 30, 2008 in Accra, Ghana.

## **Programmes**

## **Malaysian Smart Schools Project**

Since 1997, the Smart Schools Project has successfully accelerated improvement in the application of ICT in Malaysian schools.

## Resources

## What is the real potential of ICT?

This article reveals that the potential of ICT for education does not lie in electronic wizardry, but rather in the information that is communicated, and the subsequent informed actions of citizens.

## **Indicators for policy makers**

This publication by the OECD Blue Sky II Forum discusses policy needs, measurement issues, and some of the challenges in describing cross-cutting and emerging topics in science, technology and innovation (STI).

## How can Web Quests be used in teaching and learning?

Web Quest is a learner-focused and inquiry-based educational activity which uses the Internet to find, analyse and synthesize information.

## **Curriki: free online resources for educators**

Curriki is a non-profit organization that is building an internet site for open source curriculum development, to provide universal access to free curricula and instructional materials for students up to the age of 18.

## Managing classes that use laptops in lessons

This article illustrates strategies for managing students in classes which use computers or laptops in lessons.

## **Global Grid for Learning**

The Global Grid for Learning is a subscription-based website and web service providing reliable and copyright-cleared educational content to schools and teachers across the world.

## Cyberschoolbus launches new live video chat feature

The UN Cyberschoolbus has added a new feature called "live video chats" that will allow teachers and students around the world to see and hear up to four guest speakers at a time and interact with them live from the comfort of their desktop or laptop computers.

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