



## **African Digital Schools Initiative to be launched in Pwani Region, United Republic of Tanzania**

**WHEN:**           **October 10, 2017 from 8 am to 3 pm**

**WHERE:**          **Kibaha Secondary School**

**EVENT:**          **Official launch of African Digital Schools Initiative in Pwani Region**

The Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) , The President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Global e-Schools and Communities Initiative (GESCI) will launch a program to transform 20 secondary schools in the Pwani Region into Digital Schools of Distinction. The official launching event will take place on **October 10 2017**, on the premises of **Kibaha Secondary School**.

The following personalities will be present at the ceremony:

- Key PORALG, MoEST and Pwani Regional staff
- Invited guests
- Head teachers and Board of Management Chairpersons from the 20 Schools in Pwani Region
- GESCI Staff

ADSI is a unique, innovative program to transform secondary schools into digital schools of excellence. It is designed specifically to build student 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, especially in Science Technology, English and Mathematics (STEM) subjects, and to enhance teachers' practice across the school in using ICT in a way that is responsive to the needs of knowledge economies and societies and in the work place. The program will also be launched for 20 selected schools in the Morogoro Region on October 12, 2017.

The African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI) in Tanzania is part of a wider initiative across three countries in Africa - Tanzania, Kenya, and Côte d'Ivoire.

Mastercard Foundation funds this initiative.

**The media is invited to the ceremony and to the lunch which will follow.**

### **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. More information available at [www.gesci.org](http://www.gesci.org)

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