

Training of Teachers on Assistive Technologies and Interactive Digital Textbooks in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda

Teacher Professional Development

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Kenya 4th – 8th October 2021

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Rwanda 4th – 8th October 2021

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Uganda 18th – 22nd October, 2021

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Media Advisory

September 30 , 2021

What?: Accessible Digital Textbooks Project ; **Training of Teachers on Assistive Technologies and Interactive Digital Textbooks in Kenya**

Who? : UNESCO, UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) and Global E -Schools and Communities Initiatives (GESCI)

When : 4th – 8th October, 2021

Venue : Kenya Institute of Special Education, Nairobi, Kenya

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CONTEXT – Promoting Inclusive Education through accessible learning materials

Under the framework of the Accessible Digital Textbooks project funded by the UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD), the UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa with partners, particularly the ministries of Education, is supporting training of teachers on the use of Assistive Technologies and Interactive Digital Textbooks in teaching and adapting content to improve learning outcomes in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. The trainings which will be conducted by the Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative (GESCI) are expected to take place on **4th – 8th October 2021**.

Journalists are invited to cover the training which will include an opening ceremony to be held on Monday from **11am – 1pm EAT**.

The Following key note speakers are expected to attend the opening ceremony.

- Director, Kenya Institute of Special Education, Dr. Kiogora
- Director, Special Needs Education, Ministry of Education Science and Technology Mr. Fred Haga
- GESCI Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jerome Morrissey
- Chief of Education Section, UNESCO Regional Office in Nairobi, Dr. Saido Jallow
- Director Education Programme ,Kenya National Commission for UNESCO, Ms. Mary Kang'ethe,
- Representatives from the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)

The overall objective of this training is to ensure teaching and learning for learners with disabilities is made more inclusive and accommodating, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006) and Sustainable Development Goal 4 which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Two training events have been planned for Special Needs Teachers of Early Years Education in Kenya drawn from Nairobi, Kajiado, Kiambu and Machakos Counties.

1. Training on Assistive Technologies to ensure inclusive education and access to information for Persons with Disabilities; and
2. Training on the use of interactive Accessible Digital Textbooks in teaching and adapting content to improve learning outcomes.

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Notes to Editors

- This training is made possible with the support UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD)
- Follow UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa on twitter @UnescoEast
- Follow Global e-Schools and Communities Initiative (GESCI) on twitter @GESCI
- Tool kits used in these trainings will be shared with education stakeholders for adoption and use in training more teachers who handle learners with special needs.