Ecole Numérique d'Excellence Africaine (ENEA)

| WHEN: | Wednesday, January 30 th 2020 |
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| VENUE: | African Development Bank, Avenue Lamblin, Abidjan |
| EVENT: | Programme Partners' Group Meeting |
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The **Ministry of National Education and Technical Training** of Côte d'Ivoire, together with **GESCI** (Global e-Schools and Communities Initiative), meet to review the implementation of ENEA; to propose strategies to sustain the programme in Côte d'Ivoire and to review the progress and experience of ENEA in 20 secondary schools in the regions of Abidjan and Yamoussoukro. The programme runs from April 2017 to March 2020.

The programme Partners group consists of senior Ministry officials including directors at national and regional levels, a school head representative as well as national partners, the Ivorian Teacher School Association and the national UNESCO Commission.

ENEA set out to implement a sustainable and replicable model of digital whole school development in secondary education which would lead to improved students' 21st century skills development, higher learning outcomes and readiness for the knowledge economy workplace.

ENEA provides a critical focus on the use of ICT to promote innovative practice in Science, Technology, English and Mathematics (STEM) and other subjects.

ENEA is unique to Africa as an innovative program to transform secondary schools into Digital Schools of Distinction.

The Programme Partners' meeting, in the context of current country policies, strategies and priority areas, reviewed the lessons learnt and policy recommendations emerging from the implementation of ENEA, identified the sustainable elements of ENEA programme and approved integration strategies that could be supported by them for scaling up into national programmes.

Jerome Morrissey, CEO of GESCI, said: "we are very happy to work with H.E. Kandia Kamissoko Carmara, Minister of National Education, Technical Education and Vocational Training of Côte d'Ivoire, and her officials who are very successfully implementing ENEA on a daily basis. It is my fervent wish that we will continue our collaboration on the programme"

"Let's not raise our children for today's world. That world will no longer exist when they grow up. And there's no telling what their world will be. So let's teach them to ADAPT." **Maria Montessori**

About GESCI

The Global E-Schools and Communities initiative (GESCI) is an international nonprofit organisation based in Nairobi, Kenya. 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.

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