



GESCI and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland organize the African Leadership in Knowledge Society Development Forum in Nairobi

On 30th August 2017, GESCI, in partnership and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Finland, have organized the ***African Leadership for Knowledge Society Forum***. Senior officials from knowledge society related ministries and institutions of 16 African countries and representatives from development partners will attend the forum.

The African Leadership in ICT and Knowledge Society Development (ALICT) / Leadership Africain en TIC et développement de Société du Savoir (LATIC) has been implemented over two phases across 16 African countries covering Southern, Eastern, West and North Africa Region.

The overall purpose of the Forum is to present research, case studies and futures thinking frameworks that have emerged from the implementation of the African Union Commission's flagship capacity building programme, "African Leadership for ICT and Knowledge Society development" (ALICT programme). The forum provides a platform to:

- Present Knowledge Society country and impact assessment findings,
- Share alumni new leadership experiences and practices
- Facilitate dialogue, knowledge sharing and futures agendas for ensuring sustainability and strengthening leadership and networks towards building inclusive knowledge societies and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
- The forum, while marking the official closure of the ALICT/LaTIC programme, will introduce new leadership programme possibilities.

Expected outcomes from the forum:

- Increased knowledge on the status of Knowledge Society development in the African region
- Enhanced understanding of the futures thinking frameworks and tools for leadership development inherent in the ALICT leadership capacity building model

- Strengthened network and platforms for futures leadership vision and action towards knowledge society and sustainable development

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 and the enhancement of education through ICT integration of ICT in teaching and learning. More information available at www.gesci.org

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