



## **African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI) Programme Launched in the Morogoro Region, United Republic of Tanzania.**

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), The President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) and The Global E- Schools and Communities Initiative (GESCI) are partners in the newly launched ***African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI)*** Programme in Tanzania. The launch took place on Thursday 12th October at Kilakala Secondary School in Morogoro Region. The project, which will run for 3 years aims at transforming secondary schools into Digital Schools of Distinction (DSD) .

Those present included; representatives Ministry of Education Science and Technology, representatives of the local education authorities, teachers and students from the Morogoro and Pwani regions in Tanzania.

The newly designed and highly innovative programme is being rolled in 40 secondary schools in two regions, Pwani and Morogoro, and will reach 1200 teachers and 40,000 students of STEM and other subjects. The initiative is being funded by the Mastercard Foundation

**Guest honor Deputy permanent secretary Hon. Mr. Tixon Nzunda on behalf of permanent secretary** said, the Tanzanian government with the current leadership is focused to three main things:

- Creating conducive environment for teaching and learning, that why you can see maintenances and rehabilitations is in progress to secondary schools.
- Inculcate teachers to give quality education
- Deployment of teaching and learning resources to schools

Mr Ndunda acknowledged that the ADSI project is absolutely timely for Tanzania as he believed the project will:

- Build capacity to teachers on ICT integration in teaching and learning
- Create/bring confident and creativity to teachers to perform their duties to excellence.

Speaking on behalf of CEO of GESCI, Programmes Manager Senthil Kumar said that GESCI has had a long and productive partnership with the Ministry of Education, Science and technology of Tanzania and was delighted to bring this initiative and investment to Tanzanian secondary schools. He added that the project aims at improving teachers, students and community at large in the technology perspective and its proper use.

**Director for education (Paulina Mkonongo) from MoEST** also mentioned that the project came at right time where Tanzania is preparing the citizen to an industrialized country where technology is the bridge to achieve that goal.

The launch in Tanzania is part of a wider implementation of the programme which includes Kenya and Cote d'Ivoire.

**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, for the enhancement of teaching and learning through ICT integration and for ICT skills for youth employment.

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