



186 Secondary Teachers awarded technology literacy certificates in Taita Taveta County

GESCI, in partnership with The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), held Regional Teachers' Conference in Narok County, Kenya. 186 secondary teachers from Taita Taveta County successfully completed the first cycle of their professional development as part of the rollout of African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI) Programme being implemented by GESCI in 80 secondary schools in Kenya.

Representatives of the Ministry of Education Science and Technology and teachers from Taita Taveta County attended the event.

The practically-orientated conference focuses on the specific application of technology in teaching and learning. This conference is combined with ongoing online training over an extended period to assist the teachers to become experts in the integration of ICT in their daily work in the classroom. In total, over 800 Science, Technology and English teachers from 4 counties in Kenya are taking part in this innovative initiative. The other counties are Kiambu, Nyamira and Taita Taveta.

Speaking at the conference, Director of Education, Taita Taveta County, Phillip Wambua requested the teachers to embrace the programme as they have all it takes to better teaching and learning as digital equipment is also distributed by the programme implementors.

Ms Beatrice Mbogo, a Mathematics teacher at Voi Girls Educational Centre noted that her learners' attitude towards Mathematics has changed since incorporation of ICTs. Ms Mbogo was also happy to report that their performance in the subject has really improved.

The teachers' conference is part of a wider implementation and institutionalisation of the programme in Kenya. The African Digital Schools Initiative is funded by Mastercard Foundation, Canada.

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. More information available at www.gesci.org

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