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## THE EVENT



The first **eLearning Africa** conference, a capacity-building event on ICT for Development, Education and Training, took place at the United Nations Conference Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from May 24 – 26, 2006. The gathering of experts was organised by ICWE GmbH and Hoffmann&Reif Consultants and enjoyed the patronage of H.E. Ato Tefera Waluwa, the Ethiopian Minister for Capacity Building, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. **eLearning Africa** was supported by the European Commission, Directorate General “Information Society and Media” and by a number of international corporations, donor agencies, and associations.

African participation was sponsored by the Swedish Program for ICT Developing Regions – “SPIDER”, the African Development Bank, the Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Rockefeller Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Major international organisations were represented both in the programme and at the exhibition space, among them the African Union, the African Virtual University, the Global Development Learning Network, the World Health Organisation, the three German development agencies DED, GTZ and InWEnt, the African Development Bank and the NEPAD e-Africa Commission.

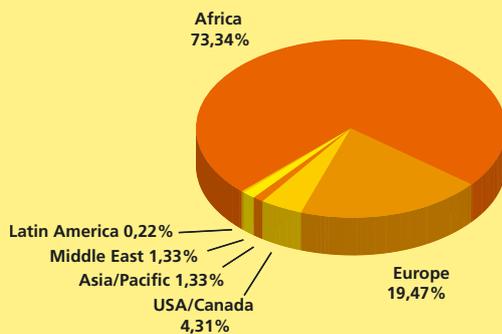
## PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

**832 participants from 80 countries** gathered to listen to thought leaders, to share experiences with colleagues, to gain advice from experts, to make contacts and to acquire new stimuli and fresh ideas, making **eLearning Africa** the largest and most international event on educational technologies and development ever to have taken place on the African continent.

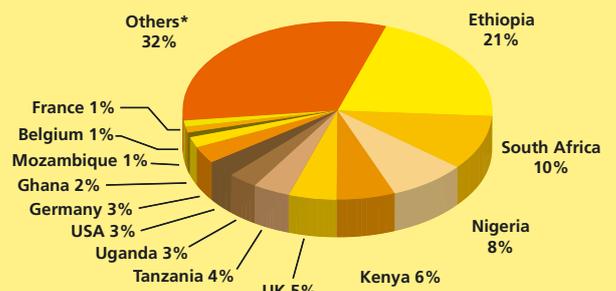
Over seventy percent of the participants at **eLearning Africa** came from African countries. This figure patently demonstrates the vital interest in eLearning on the Continent and substantiates the conference as a truly African event. Europe was represented by 19.4%, followed by North America with 4.3%, the Asia-Pacific area with 1.3%, the Middle East with 1.3%, and Latin America with 0.2%.



**Region Representation**



**Country Representation**



\*Other countries Albania, Algeria, Angola, Austria, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Congo (DRC), Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Korea, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, The Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, the Solomon Islands, Somalia, Republic of Somaliland, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



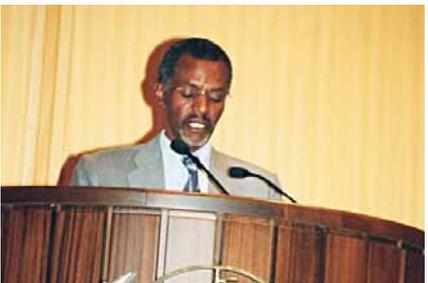
**eLearning Africa**, in an aggregation of authoritative-yet-spirited workshops and sessions, supplied a unique opportunity for African educational experts to network with peers from the Continent as well as with European and other international stakeholders, offering cutting-edge ICT-based solutions for education and training. Many ambitious projects were presented by education providers, government institutions, corporations, vendors and partners from international development organisations.

The main conference agenda, formulated with the support of the conference's Honorary, Organising, and Advisory Committees, included **two plenary sessions, five parallel topic strands with 32 sessions in total, an African eLearning Tools and Services Village**, and an accompanying exhibition with major vendors and service providers.



The programme also included **twelve full-day and half-day workshops** that took place during the three days prior to the main conference event.

Richly diverse, the **eLearning Africa** agenda covered all aspects of eLearning in the African context, founding an eloquent, penetrating, and incisive capacity-building event. Future editions are therefore certain to attract even greater numbers of education and training professionals and committed contributors from other fields.



In addition to the formal activities organised throughout the conference, an exciting range of accompanying events, launches and receptions as well as specific events designed to support networking were also included to ensure that participants got the most out of their time in Addis Ababa. The EU-African R&D project **BEANISH** held its annual evaluation meeting, the Directors of the **Global Development Learning Network** gathered for an annual strategy meeting, and the **WITFOR Education Commission IFIPTC3** convened to prepare WITFOR 2007, also to be held in Addis Ababa.

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"I think most of us came with a fixed idea of what eLearning is, but the most remarkable thing is that we are going back with more prospects of what eLearning can be. It is really helpful to share experiences with people who have been working in other places, especially when it comes to the African situation. We have different realities from the North to the South, and we got the chance here to meet people who are experimenting with the different solutions for eLearning in the different sectors. It was very interesting to experience this diversity.

What I missed – since I am working with the disabled, with deaf people – is the e-inclusion perspective, though I got good contacts. What I liked most were the presentations about how we can use mobile devices in eLearning. This is something I had never thought about. There was a wonderful presentation from Bangladesh, where they do not have easy access to the Internet yet, but they have lots of TV channels, so they are using mobile technology with TV broadcasting. This was very interesting.

I think there was good quality in all the presentations and I was especially impressed by the ones from South Africa and the research aspects they included. Something that has been lacking in eLearning for most of the people is a solution in the spot. You want to have eLearning? So let's go for it! But then they realise that it needs a lot of planning as well as time for the planning and the implementation phase. You need to be very precise; you need good management, monitoring, and review. eLearning will never replace the traditional way of teaching, but it can surely empower it."

**Jean-Claude Adzalla, Deaf Aid, Kenya**

"Thank you so much for your support and dedication, it is really appreciated. All was well organized as per your email and the hotel staff was just excellent. The conference was very worthwhile, packed with amazingly good presentations. Thank you, and the entire team, so much for organizing such a conference. I am looking forward to the second one."

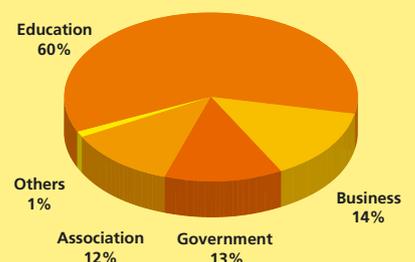
**Unity Chipunza, Africa University, Zimbabwe**

## SECTOR ANALYSIS

Another breakdown of the statistics reveals that stakeholders from literally all key areas involved in driving e-learning adoption and innovation in Africa were on hand.

The expert assemblage included individuals from education at various levels, business and industry, governmental agencies, and NGOs, as well as other members of civil society.

### Sector Representation



## PLENARY SESSIONS

Africa is on the move, and ICT-supported education is a core component of the development plans of most African governments. ICTs are being integrated into many national educational systems in order to reach the Millennium Goal of "Education for All". This was especially underscored in the **Opening Session** chaired by **H.E. Dr. Sintayehu Woldemichael**, Ethiopian Minister of Education. This plenary featured keynotes given by **Josephine Ouedraogo**, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and **H.E. Tefera Waluwa**, Minister for Capacity Building, Ethiopia, who shared the patronage of **eLearning Africa 2006**. Ethiopia, with its massive investment in ICT infrastructure, certainly provides an outstanding case in Africa. As **Tefera Waluwa** emphasised, ICT cannot be viewed as an extravagance, but must be seen as a pre-condition for accelerated development. "We recognize that while ICT may be a luxury for the rich, for us - the poor countries - it is a vital and essential tool for fighting poverty, for beating poverty that kills, and is a means for ensuring our survival."



**Jacques Babot** from the European Commissions' Directorate General "Information Society and Media" expressed Europe's vital interest in European-African R&D cooperation under the umbrella of the new EU strategy for accelerating development in Africa, formulated by the European Commission in late 2005. **Timothy Clarke**, Head of the European Commission Delegation based in Addis Ababa, re-iterated the European Commission's interest in fostering European-African collaboration in the plenary session on "Development Cooperation, ICT and the Potential of eLearning" on Friday, May 26.



Support to Africa was also offered by India, a highly diverse country that faces challenges similar to those of the African nations. The **Hon. Mohammed Ali Ashraf Fatmi**, Indian Minister of State for Human Resource Development, detailed his country's strategy for promoting technology in education, which includes the rapid deployment of ICT infrastructure, training of teachers to use ICT, and the provision of varied learning resources and services. He said India would not only share this experience with African countries but would assist them with an ambitious \$50 million programme to connect all the 53 nations of the African Union through an integrated satellite, fibre optic, and wireless network for eLearning, eHealth, and various other eServices. Five universities, 53 R&D centres, 10 advanced hospitals, and 53 rural health posts will be connected, and various services from India will be provided.



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"All those desperate projects, all the people who are motivated to use the Internet to enhance education to really get at the key point ... the bottlenecks to development ... They have been brought together here; so many good interactions ... people bouncing ideas off each other... For me it seems to be one of the most relevant events I have attended in a long, long time."

**Daniel Stern, Uconnect, Uganda**

"Thank you very much for your efforts to make the eLearning Africa 2006 conference a success. We really enjoyed both the workshops and the conference. We look forward to next year's eLearning conference."

**Amos Simbaya, Zambia Daily Mail, Zambia**

"Reviewing the conference, I have to say that it is high time for eLearning in Africa. People like me have been struggling to bring web training into the community - that is why I say eLearning Africa came just in time!

The organisation was fantastic: having attended more than ten conferences - especially in Africa - this was the best. The people who did the organising work as a team: When you go to one and ask something, you will get the same answer from all the others. This made me very happy. And I talked to many other participants who wanted to know where the organisers come from!

I feel that if these efforts continue, we might uplift African efforts in terms of eLearning. I hope that next year one of the topics will be Knowledge Management because all the issues talked about here are lacking Knowledge Management. Maybe I am pulling the strings toward myself now because I am finishing my PhD in Knowledge Management, and I am focussing on the African context. Often the knowledge they have here is not fully exploited, and I think it could be helpful to include this topic in the next conference."

**Titus Tossy, National Computer Centre, Tanzania**

"This conference was really a great step for the development of eLearning in Africa. For me all the contributions are pillars for our continuous action to support large collaboration between the stakeholders for the promotion of e Learning in Africa. Thank you."

**Dr Zouli Bonkoungou, African Union, Ethiopia**

## PLENARY SESSIONS

eLearning Africa was characterised as a major wake-up call to African governments and stakeholders by the **Hon. Beth Mugo**, Kenya's Assistant Minister for Education, Science and Technology. During her opening keynote, she remonstrated African leaders and all other people working on the Continent's educational challenges to stop talking and finally start acting. Keynote speaker **Dr. Cheick Diarra**, Microsoft Chairman for Africa, stressed the ultimate importance of education and learning in people's lives. Africa should be enabled to partake in the development of knowledge societies, a progress that can be enhanced by ICT. Any ICT project should take into account the African context: the large cultural and linguistic diversity, the unequal access (digital divide), the bandwidth cost, the lack of supportive infrastructure (including electricity), and the human and financial resources.



The second plenary session on May 26, 2006, chaired by **Prof. Tim Unwin** from Royal Holloway, University of London, featured presentations by **Alice Hamer**, Director at the African Development Bank, **Pierre-Jean Loiret** from the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), **Monika Weber-Fahr**, Director of the World Bank Institute, and **Prof. Åke Grönlund**, from the SPIDER Programme, Sweden.



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"I think this conference has been a fantastic opportunity for Africa and that it has revealed a huge demand, a huge interest in eLearning and technologies for education. The commitment of participants has been phenomenal, as well as the interest generated. Just the understanding of what is needed in Africa has really been revealed to the West and so has the importance of partnerships. It's been tremendous."

**Michelle Selinger, Cisco Systems, UK**



"I feel physically drained now at the end of the conference, but I have gained so much. I have networked with other people in Africa who were representing their institutions and organisations.

It was also great meeting my South African neighbours face to face –all those people from UCT, the University of Johannesburg and Stellenbosch whom I have met online. And you actually even meet people from your own institution at the same conference with whom you have never had the opportunity to share, and who realise that what you do is important and vice versa. So I think we should get out of our silos and communicate more – and this is what this conference is about! Networking is not only about handing out cards but the actual online communication that continues afterward. In fact, it was a great conference!"

**Juliet Stoltenkamp, The University of the Western Cape, South Africa**



"I think it was a wonderful conference because of the networking – and most people come to conferences for the networking! The presentations were also fantastic. I gained a lot; I got to know what is happening in other countries, which was very important for me. I have made good contacts here.

I was very keen on Mobile Learning and gave two presentations on the topic myself. I also helped facilitate another presentation on Open Education Repositories and chaired a session. So I think I have been very busy, but it has been a very fulfilling moment for me; it has been wonderful. It was also a pleasure that our minister, Beth Mugo, came and gave a speech.

Maybe at the next conference we should have special tracks and workshops on Mobile Learning. The mobile phone is going to play a big role in education in Africa. It is the most widespread ICT application, and there are a lot of things happening. I heard about the case of Bangladesh, where they are blending video and SMS, and we are using SMS to support teachers.

I think it is also important to have the private sector involved in the hosting country, mostly through sponsorship. For example, the large mobile operators should certainly be involved.

This conference is great for Africa and we should take it forward!"

**Leonard Mware Oloo, Knowledge Partners, Kenya**

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

Parallel sessions included contributions by a large number of professionals from academia, corporate life, and the public sector and were organised in the following fifteen tracks in the conference programme:

- Empowering Traditional Universities with ICT
- The New Africa – Europe Partnership Framework
- Open Source, Open Content and eLearning
- eLearning Design, Development and Delivery
- Introducing eLearning to the School System
- eLearning in the Fight against HIV and AIDS
- Cutting-Edge Developments Aimed at Africa
- Localisation, Customisation and Content Development
- eLearning in Government, Private and Public Sectors
- Capacity Development Supported by eLearning
- WITFOR Education Commission / IFIP-TC3 Seminar
- Policy Issues and Large Scale Take-up of eLearning
- Access and Connectivity Issues in Africa
- eHealth in Africa
- Quality Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation of eLearning



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"My impressions from the conference: inspired, greatly encouraged, and looking forward to the next couple of years with a lot of excitement. There is a wealth of pioneering and experimentation that has been shared here in the eLearning area, with a lot of emphasis on the type of interactivity that that I think we all need in order to make eLearning more relevant for helping those who are working in development to really master the challenges.

We are clearly beyond the early days of eLearning, where eLearning was all about a CD ROM that you plug in somewhere, and where you download something. We are now going into the area where things are customized, useful, and directly available to those who need the knowledge to find out where they can get it from. Partnerships are now emerging where people who are interested in making their platforms available to others, so the future is going to be good. All we need to do is rise to the challenge."

**Dr. Monika Weber-Fahr, World Bank, USA**



"Overall, we had a great response. It was good to see all the different organisations come to the booth to find out about the free training that we provide on our website, <http://www.gcflearnfree.org>. Our goal is to provide learning opportunities to improve computer literacy. One thing we heard about over and over was the lack of reliable Internet service and that our program would reach further if we provided a downloadable version of our content. We had users from over 218 countries last year and by providing alternative ways to access our content, we hope that we can reach more.

We have exhausted all of our flyers and met with a lot of people who share our goals. Many were interested in using our material on their university intranet or as a supplement to what they were already teaching. Some even signed up for our online classes. I think we had a great opportunity to network, and it was great to get such a positive response."

**Mark Bryant, Director of Learning & Technology, GCF Global Learning®, USA**

"I just wanted to congratulate your team and you on a highly successful event in Addis at eLearning Africa. I was on an exhibition stand with the African Virtual University and found the event very well organised and the delegates full of enthusiasm for the content of the sessions as well as for the quantity and quality of the participants. Pulling off such a large event, the first of its kind in Africa, is no mean feat - and the buzz surrounding the conference was very positive!"

**Natalie Maule, Africappractice, UK**

"On behalf of the Pan-African Institute for Development team in Douala, Cameroon, I wanted to send you a big thank you, appreciation, and commend you on a job well done in Addis-Ababa. The conference was excellent, both in networking and in new ideas to implement in our future projects. We are grateful, and believe me when I tell you that what you have brought for our institute and the continent as a whole will reap rewards in the future."

**Jason Gagnon, PAID-AC, Cameroon**

"We applaud you for the tremendous work you have done with your team. I had a great time in Addis networking with other participants from all over the world."

**Tebogo Moagi, BODOCOL, Botswana**

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

An exciting programme of twelve optional seminars and workshops took place from May 22 – 24, 2006, offering participants a profound capacity-building opportunity to obtain practical knowledge and insights from leading experts in a variety of specialised fields. These intensive sessions were all fully booked and offered attendees a unique opportunity to gain a purview into new markets and to fine-tune their skills and acquire new ones.

- eHealth: the EU – African R&D project BEANISH
- How to Produce an Instructional Module on the Internet
- Supporting ODeL in African Universities
- European-African R&D Projects for Bridging the Digital Divide
- Quality for eLearning in Africa: Hands-on Training Workshop for Decision Makers, Educational Practitioners and Students
- e-Readiness: Making the Most of ICT for Educational Development in Africa
- Connectivity Issues and Solutions in Remote, Rural and Developing Educational Communities, which included a visit to schools in the Ethiopian Schoolnet
- Capacity Building in and for eLearning
- Mobile Learning: What's Happening, Has It Worked, What's Possible?
- The TESSA Programme: the Role of eLearning and ICTs in Teacher Education and Training in Africa
- Designing Learning for the Future
- Establishing My Web Presence with a Blog



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"I want to say thank you for a great networking and educational conference. I would like to take the time to tell all of you how much I appreciated your prompt responses and clear guidance in preparing for the conference. I can only imagine the logistical details you had to keep up with while being bombarded with all of our questions. You did an excellent job! From my point of view and from discussing with participating colleagues, the conference went very smoothly and seems like you had a very good turnout for what you anticipated. The conference provided an excellent opportunity to bring African and all other nations' professionals together. I certainly hope this will take place each year and I do hope to participate in more ways than just presenting a paper. It was an excellent location with lots of coffee breaks to give folks opportunities for networking."

**Semra Seifu, World Links, USA**

"I arrived safely in my home country after I participated in the wonderful conference in Addis Ababa, where I gained so many ideas and so much experience."

**Mohamed Amin Jibril, Haatuf Newspaper, Republic of Somaliland**

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"We are a Pan-African organisation that works in all the countries in Africa. We currently have 55 centres. The conference provided a great networking opportunity in terms of meeting people, learning what projects are going on on the Continent, and also learning what is going on in terms of the open source environment versus the propriety. It was very interesting to see how other projects are being supported by various funders and to find out about opportunities for potential funding for eLearning. One drawback I found was that some projects were still in the very early stages. So to provide more discussion in next year's conference, it would be interesting to see where they are a year later. That way we can track the process and compare where they were a year ago and where they are today. I think that would be a great bonus to the conference programme next year."

**Sandra Atieno Aluoch, African Virtual University, Kenya**

"I just have a feeling to say, thank you for everything you did to prepare us to attend elearning Africa in Addis. I know what it takes to do all that work, yet you kept smiling. You are great people. Thank you very much."

**Kondwani Wella, University of Malawi, Malawi**

"I would like to thank all of you for your support and your help, which allowed me to attend the elearning Africa conference. I would like to congratulate you on the excellent organisation and the full success of the event. God bless you."

**Gerald Rwagasana, Center for Instructional Technology, National University of Rwanda**

"Indeed, eLearning Africa was a great success, particularly for the first effort of its kind on the Continent. Congratulations again to all of you for the good performance, and I am sure the second eLA will be even more successful."

**Mor Seck, Global Development Learning Network, Senegal**

"Let me tell you how much I appreciated eLearning Africa. It was very interesting and stimulating, and a well organized event. I am back with many business cards and ideas for a way to bring research cooperation and Kaleidoscope more efficiently closer to our African colleagues' interests and priorities."

**Nicolas Balacheff, Kaleidoscope, France**

"I am so grateful for the support that you gave me during the just concluded Africa e-learning conference in Addis. This was the first of its kind in Africa and it scored a first! Congratulations!"

**Elijah I. Omwenga, University of Nairobi, Kenya**

## THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME IN SUMMARY

- ❖ Conference sessions highlighting the challenges of adopting ICT in African universities, with presentations from universities including the **University of Yaoundé I**, Cameroon, the **University of Pretoria**, the **University of Namibia**, the **University of Botswana**, UNISA, **Obafemi Awolowo University**, Nigeria, and many more....;
- ❖ A highly interactive discussion session entitled “Knowledge Sharing in Real-time for Capacity Development” organised by the **Global Distance Learning Network**, supported by the World Bank;
- ❖ **African Showcases** with examples of digital courseware and learning materials developed with a focus on African learners, presented by organisations such as **Makerere University** in Uganda, **Riverbend Learning** in South Africa and the **World Health Organisation**;
- ❖ Teacher-training presentation and discussion sessions showing the significant progress being made to improve pre-service and in-service teacher training in Africa through initiatives including the **School Empowerment Programme in Kenya**, **Regional Network Training Workshops** in Uganda, the work of the **Tanzania Ministry of Education**, and the **Africa Drive Project**;
- ❖ A pre-conference workshop on e-Readiness providing an **African Development Bank** and **Microsoft** perspective, organised in conjunction with the **NEPAD e-Africa Commission**;



- ❖ As part of the conference agenda, a **WITFOR Education Commission IFIPTC3** seminar on integrating ICTs in pedagogically meaningful ways into schools and educational institutions provided cases and examples from all over Africa;
- ❖ A major pre-conference seminar led by the **African Virtual University** focused on the three key areas that the AVU believes will support Open, Distance and eLearning (ODEL) in African universities; **Capacity Enhancement**, **Bandwidth Consortia** and **Open Education Resources**;
- ❖ A **Demonstration Village** as part of the conference exhibition presented services, products, tools, courseware and materials from all over the globe that can have an impact in Africa, including open learning systems such as **KEWL.NextGen**, tools such as **The Total Cost of Ownership Calculator**, **Webscripter** and **IMARK**, and resources and materials aimed at the African learner;
- ❖ A pre-conference seminar about setting up and launching **European-African R&D projects** aimed at bridging the digital divide and led by experienced practitioners from Africa and Europe with the input of the European Commission. This seminar was linked to a conference session featuring developments supported by the **European Commission** that are particularly applicable in Africa.

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“The conference was very educational for me. I am involved in an eLearning project in my country, and we are stuck in it. Some of the seminars here have given us insight into a way forward and explained what we should do. This was because we were able to meet people from other countries. One, for example, is from Namibia, where they have the same kind of project going. Thus we got some points to discuss that will be very useful for us when we get back home.”

**Faith Makoye, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

“Congratulations for your successful, attractive and educational conference here in Addis Ababa I and my friends with our instructors in Pretoria are still discussing on issues raised in the conference (through our yahoo group). For me, it was more than 30cr. hrs course in the classroom which could take me a full – time two semester course work. Besides, the book of abstracts that you offered to us, has its contribution for my PhD proposal preparation. I will also like to say thank you for enabling me and others ICT in Education course takers to have reference materials.”

**Bisrat Ashebo, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia**

“Since I attended the eLearning Africa conference in Addis Ababa my view of eLearning has greatly changed. I really want to thank you for affording me a lifetime participation in the first international eLearning Africa conference. Furthermore I would like to thank all the sponsors without whom my registration and accommodation would not have been possible. As of now in the region (Bojanala West) where I am stationed we are in the process of computerizing schools. With the experience I have gathered in Addis Ababa I am rearing to forge ahead in making sure that eLearning and ICT meets the millennium goals as outlined by the United Nations for Africa. Thank you once more.”

**Thabo Nkwe, Northwest Dept of Educa, South Africa**

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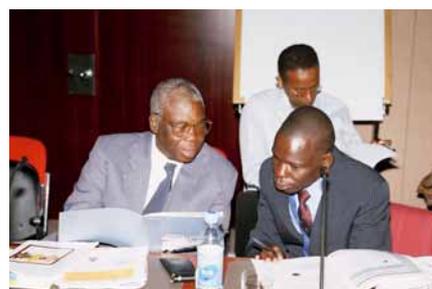
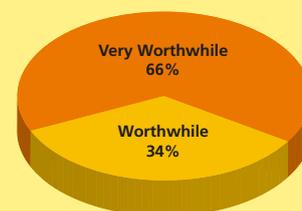
- ❖ Open Source and Open Content Solutions, which were addressed throughout the conference agenda and in a session dedicated to the topic. Organisations such as the **World Agroforestry Centre** in Kenya and the **University of the Western Cape** in South Africa presented and discussed their approaches;
- ❖ A pre-conference workshop on **Connectivity** that addressed this continuing obstacle for many African eLearning providers. The workshop included the input of **SchoolNet Ethiopia** and was followed in the conference agenda by a session featuring cutting-edge developments and solutions, including those supported by **satellite** and **PLC**;
- ❖ Developments and initiatives aimed at overcoming the digital divide such as those related to **mobile technologies** including the **African Digital Education Enhancement Project (DEEP)**;
- ❖ Specific eLearning initiatives focussed on the treatment of **AIDS and HIV**, with the German development agency GTZ leading a special focus session on this subject as well as a pre-conference workshop;
- ❖ School initiatives, including input from SchoolNet Africa, the Continent-wide network of **SchoolNets**. Other initiatives included the **National Educational Portal "Thutong"** in South Africa, **World Links** and examples of the many collaborative initiatives linking experts in Africa with experts in other parts of the world;
- ❖ A presentation by the **AUF (Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie)** and **Gaston Berger University** in Sénégal, who demonstrated their experience with creating and managing an **African Online Postgraduate Degree in Cyberspace Law**;
- ❖ **Formal and informal networking** opportunities during the discussions sessions, coffee breaks, lunches, and social events.

The complete Conference Programme as well as the names of the Organising and Advisory Committee members can be found under:

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### Participant Satisfaction 2006

#### Overall Evaluation Conference Programme



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"I wish to commend the wonderful effort and team work you all put into running this very successful conference. I couldn't have been at a better place on the face of the earth than at the eLearning Africa 2006. It was a life changing experience for me. You have, through facilitating the eLearning Africa Conference, changed so many lives and in fact the landscape of eLearning in Africa. I wish I could really describe my feelings and those of the others I met.

eLearning may still be well beyond the reach of an average and indeed the majority of Africans - you have, with your team through the organisation of eLearning Africa, set the clock ticking for the unleashing of potentials that will fast track the continent.

I wish to commend the effort your team put into this Conference that just closed. To say the least, you all did wonderful work. You may not fully appreciate or know the extent to which what you have started will get to."

**Richard Bello, DELES Programme, Nigeria**

"I would like to express my profound and heartfelt thanks for your earnest and tireless support towards my participation in the Conference. My participation in the conference was worthwhile and fruitful and to this effect I have gathered a lot of worldwide contacts who are willing to work with us.

Your team was wonderful and amazing and my chair for the session was exceptionally excellent. Please continue with the same spirit and I am optimistic that when we call upon you next time for help of a similar magnitude, you shall not relent."

**Nector Mbilima, Institute of Graphic Communication, Zambia**

"I want to congratulate you for successfully organising the just concluded eLearning Africa in Ethiopia. The arrangements were excellent, everything worked out well at the appropriate times and the deliberations were fruitful. I really appreciate the quality of papers presented. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to you, and the sponsors for making it possible for some of us to attend the conference through the sponsorship provided. I really appreciate this and wish you more successes in all your future endeavours."

**Francisca Aladejana, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria**

"Je tenais à vous dire que de l'avis de tous, eLearning Africa était un succès aussi bien au niveau scientifique qu'au niveau de l'accueil et de l'organisation de toute l'équipe organisatrice. Au plaisir de vous rencontrer en d'autres occasions, peut-être à Berlin ou à ELA 2007."

**Amine Benkiran, Université Mohammed V Agdal, Morocco**

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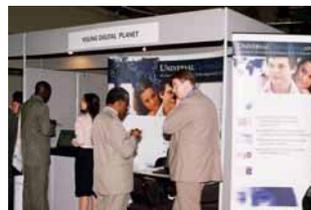


## EXHIBITORS

eLearning Africa 2006 was accompanied by a parallel exhibition that established itself as a central meeting and networking point within the conference and an opportunity to find out about the latest services and products. Expressive appreciation of the display and presentations was articulated by representatives and attendees alike.

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## COMMENTS

"I am writing to congratulate you on the successful arrangement and execution of eLearning Africa. It was well organised, full of information and ideas, and quite educating. I hope subsequent ones will be as good or even better. Thanks a lot for the sponsorship."

Ashiru Daura, National Information Technology Agency, Nigeria

"I am only back 'home' today and would like to pass on my congratulations and thanks for a great conference in Addis – one of the best organised conferences I have ever attended. The venue and country were great. Please keep me on the mailing list for the 2007 conference!"

Russell Pengelly, Computers 4 Kids, South Africa

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"I want to use this medium to congratulate your colleagues at ICWE and you for such excellent work and for the success eLearning Africa turned out to be.

This is a true and genuine reflection not only of my own feelings, but also a cross section of the opinions of the delegates I was able to interact with."

**Adakole Ikpe, National Open University of Nigeria, Nigeria**

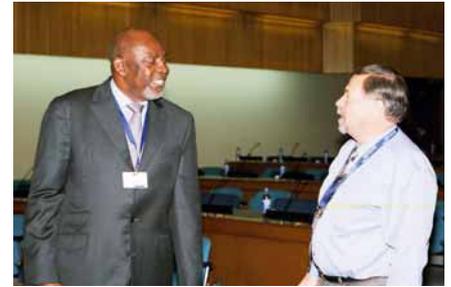
"I have never attended such a well organised big conference. I also very much appreciated that the organisers were communicative, keeping one informed of all that are going on."

**Petro Mugandila, University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania**

"I would like to thank you for your help and for supporting me to attend the Conference in Addis Ababa, (...) you did a splendid job in organizing the conference and it was a wonderful experience especially for me.

I also through the conference got a place to do my PhD in ICT for Development, starting next year. I wish to continue participating and contributing to your events as much as I can."

**Alfred Mutanga, Head IT and Audiovisuals Department - ISPU Quelimane; Mozambique**



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