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1. High-Ranking Ministers and Managers to Deliver Keynotes at eLA



The programme for the upcoming eLearning Africa conference includes **keynote presentations by senior ministers and top-ranking managers** from several African nations. The organisers wish to express their appreciation for the effort that the keynote speakers have taken to prepare for the event and would like to take this opportunity to welcome them cordially...

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2. 1171 Delegates from 85 Countries Already Registered



1171 eLearning enthusiasts from **85 countries** from five continents have already booked their seats at the Nairobi conference site. The largest participant group will come from Kenya, the hosting country of this year's conference. Africa's most populous nation, Nigeria, will send the second-largest group, followed by the South African and Ugandan groups. From Europe, the UK will send the largest contingent. Canada and the USA are also well represented.

eLearning Africa, the Pan-African conference on ICT for development, education and training, expects 1200 participants to attend the upcoming event. We are very pleased to announce that the second eLearning Africa conference has not only grown considerably in numbers but - once again - is a truly African event, with more than seventy percent of the attendees coming from the Continent.

If you wish to discuss the latest issues and trends in ICT for development and education, discover a wide range of opportunities for networking, and meet friends and colleagues from all over the world, then act FAST and

[book now!](#)

3. How Much Information Can You Hold in One Hand?



In the Kenyan Village of Mbita, sixty fifth graders of **Point Primary School** and their three teachers have helped **Eduvision**, an eLearning solution company situated in Switzerland, to develop an innovative ICT platform and corresponding software for handheld computers.

The company's applications are mainly designed to deliver curriculum content instead of using "oldish" textbooks to enrich the learning experience and to add locally relevant information more easily. At eLearning Africa 2007, Karim Toledano, CEO of Eduvision, will give closer insights into his African project.

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4. The Art of Digital Content Production



Digital content for ICT-supported education produced by Africans for Africans is increasingly needed. The **Pixel Corps**, a guild for digital content creators based in the USA, is offering training and an expert community in a unique and unconventional way. Beate Kleessen from eLA spoke to **Alex Lindsay**, founder and chief architect of the Pixel Corps, about his activities ...

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5. Pay a Visit to Award-Winning "e-schools" in South Africa



Presently, South African schools are at very different stages of ICT implementation, ranging from rudimentary to very advanced. To get the ball rolling and to foster **computer literacy** in its schools, South Africa's Province Gauteng recently held a **competition for eLearning initiatives**. At eLearning Africa 2007, the two award-winning schools - Roshnee Primary School and Rosettenville Central Primary School - will present some of their achievements.

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6. Getting to the Next Level - The Intel Education Initiative



Intel has a long history of working to improve education worldwide, and its ongoing programmes prepare teachers and students for success in the global economy. As part of the **Intel Education Initiative**, the company invests one hundred million dollar per year in education in collaboration with governments and educators in fifty countries worldwide. **Dr. Martina Roth**, Director of the **Intel Education Group** for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), will take part in the roundtable discussion on partnerships in education at eLearning Africa. Ahead of the conference, we talked to her

about Intel, education, and Africa.

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7. CCAfrica - Efficacious Canadian Lobby for Africa



The Canadian Council on Africa (CCAfrica) is a private sector, member-driven, non-profit organisation that helps foster sustainable economic, and therewith social development in Africa. Membership includes SMEs, large businesses, Canadian Business Associations, NGOs, Higher Education institutions, as well as government departments and agencies. To provide a better understanding of the linkage between education and Africa's economic development is, in addition to other activities, of crucial importance for CCAfrica. Nina Wittrock from eLa spoke with **Lucien Bradet, CCAfrica**, President and C.E.O. about the main aims of his organisation, its interest in present and future education issues, and the impact of partnerships on capacity building.

eLearning Africa would like to thank CCAfrica for its exceptional support in negotiating funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for African delegates.

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8. Removing the Bottlenecks for eLearning in Africa

NOKIA E-learning initiatives are few on the African continent and those that exist are still at a pilot or small scale level. Why is this? How can we change this? A **workshop** led by **Nokia** and **Nokia Siemens Network** will address some of these issues. Leading experts share their experiences on the most common barriers in the ICT industry that impede the success of effective e-learning initiatives. Dr. Sari Kola-Nystrom from Nokia Siemens Networks will share three key enablers for e-learning, Thomas Rolf from GTZ, Germany will introduce an innovative approach - the 100 USD PC. This session will benefit all who wish to lead and execute successful e-learning initiatives across Africa.

[Workshop List](#)

9. VVOB - 25 Years of Progress toward Feasible Solution Strategies



The **Flemish Association for Development, Cooperation and Technical Assistance (VVOB)** is a non-profit organisation whose principal focus is stimulating sustainable development and poverty reduction through human development. VVOB's core task is to provide technical assistance in projects and programmes to be implemented in developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America in joint management with and funded by the Belgian and Flemish governments. eLA editor Nina Wittrock spoke with **Lut Laenen Fox**, VVOB's representative in Kenya, about the key aspects of her organisation's activities.

eLearning Africa 2007 wants to thank VVOB for its generous donation, which has made it possible for a number of African participants to come to the conference.

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10. Call for Reviewers for Zimbabwean Academic Journal



The Midlands State University Zimbabwe is looking for academics who can review **articles on technology in education** in a university publication ...

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11. Survey on the Take-up of eLearning in African Organisations



Reliable data on eLearning in African organisations is rather rare. **ICWE**, in cooperation with the **Swedish Programme for ICT in developing regions (SPIDER)** and the **ICT4D Collective/UNESCO Centre for ICT4D** at Royal Holloway, University of London are conducting an **international survey** on the take-up of eLearning in African organisations and educational institutions.

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