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eLearning in Africa

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On May 27th, eLearning Africa—the continent’s largest annual assembly of eLearning and education professionals—will hold their fourth pan-African networking event in Dakar, Senegal. The event will focus on training participants to use a variety of technologies for development and education within their respective African countries. Kenyan journalist Reuben Kyama states that the excitement of now having an African-American president in office has helped “the majority of the continent’s 750 million people anticipate a new dawn” for socio-economic and political affairs. To overcome financial constraints, eLearning Africa conference organizers have set up a scholarship program that will help give teachers and educational professionals from every African country a chance to participate. The scholarship applications are assessed by the conference Scholarship Committee, and awards are granted based on need and job relevance in addition to the funds available to the organizers. During last year’s event, the scholarship program helped support 10% of the conference participants—over 150 Africans. The conference will strive to achieve its Millennium Development Goal of “Education for All.” For more information on the scholarship program, please visit www.eLearning-africa.com