

PRESS RELEASE

On the occasion of the International Conference on ICT for Development, Education and Training in Lusaka, Vectes Europe starts the "Vectes Africa Project"©

Vectes Europe will be present at this Conference to start up the Vectes Africa Project (the VAP).

The VAP is currently a project of Vectes Europe. The purpose of this project is to develop an African business network supporting instructors (from governments, NGOs, industries, multinationals, institutes, banks, ...) by offering the ICT-tool MUMETT. This medium is an efficient way to store and transfer professional knowledge.

The VAP aims to set up a skilled middle class in Africa by a top-down flow of knowledge and training. African IT-experts – the future VAP-members – will guarantee the constant flow of this knowledge.

The VAP is a commercial project for and by Africans. The business objective can only be realized through the support and the rewarding of its cooperative members. The VAP has engaged itself to become a Fair Trade Mark and to obtain recognition by NEPAD.

The VAP doesn't accept donations. Participation is only possible by becoming an ICT-expert-member (a MUMETT Content Creator, a MUMETT Expert or a MUMETT Distributor), or as a shareholder or as a client demanding teaching packages /e-lessons.

The ultimate goal of the project is, to expand and consolidate the contingent of instructors in Africa and to optimize training materials by using this ICT training tool.

Vectes Europe currently organizes the startup of the VAP. Thanks to the new and the existing contacts and to the contacts achieved during this Conference, Vectes Europe is trying to make the VAP a fully African entity at the next e-learning Africa 2011 Conference.

Why ICT-supported learning?

ICT-supported learning covers the whole range from Computer Based Training to e-Learning over the Internet.

The media video and audio both raise the impact of the e-lesson: when practices – acts, screen manipulations, cases - are shown, the e-training will be more powerful. Technologically, video requires a fast transfer of digital information, either from a CD or via (telephone) cables or mobile phone antennas.

Concerning the mobile phone network, the UMTS antennas have a limited range of about 1.5 km. Swift data transmission over the Internet requires an expensive and sophisticated infrastructure. The muting on ADSL is far too high after about 4.7 km of copper wire cabling to guarantee a proper transfer of video data.

Of course MUMETT can submit e-lessons over the Internet (www.mumett.net). This ICT-tool – with a proper programmed Learning Management System - is rather particularly suited to be installed on local PCs making video and audio really useful for local training. The VAP-employee installs the e-lessons and trains a local administrator. The results of each individual pathway can be centralized through e-mail. MUMETT immediately delivers certificates printing all the results on a document.

If necessary, a VAP-employee adapts the e-lessons to a different language, culture, law, currency, examples, content, etc. Depending on the learning objectives, he adds or deletes chapters in the standard e-lessons. He installs these lessons on common PCs. The Mumett-expert is even able to activate the Intranet and Internet version of MUMETT on a Web server, giving the instructors the possibility to consult their e-lessons by an Internet browser.

MUMETT has its roots in the industry where it is used to store internal knowledge and to hand it over to its employees. So far the program can be installed only on PCs containing an MS Windows Operating System.

In Lusaka, Vectes Europe wishes to

1 – offer the basic software MUMETT on fair terms.

This will be done after an evaluation and a contractual agreement.

2 - meet interested parties wishing to participate in the VAP:

a. either as a member – as a MUMETT Content Creator, an Expert or a Distributor

b. either as a principal needing the VAP assistance to train his instructors.

3 - find partners to build up the VAP as a commercial company on a legal entity base.

4 - contact persons or institutions sympathizing with the Vectes Africa Project and who are willing to share their sympathy on the Internet.

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