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Lunch
All MRT participants are invited to the MRT Lunch on Wednesday 28th, at the Nyanja Restaurant.

On Thursday 29th and Friday 30th, Ministers and their guests are invited to lunch in the Royal Club room. Other participants may take their lunch in the Lunch Marquee.

Royal Club Minister’s Lounge
Ministers are invited to make use of the Royal Club room for relaxation and hosting guests on Thursday and Friday, 09:00 – 18:00.

Internet Access
To access the hotel’s wireless network in the MRT venue, please connect to ‘mcwresort307’.
CHATHAM HOUSE RULE

The Ministerial Round Table will be held under the Chatham House Rule:

Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

This means that although the meeting will be held ‘on the record’ and outcomes and recommendations will be published in a Communique, no statements or contributions may be attributed to any participant by name.

Additionally, no press will be allowed into the meeting.

THEME

Affordable and Equitable Broadband Access for Transformative Learning

High-speed broadband Internet can make quality education available to the millions who currently lack access to this basic right.

Broadband Internet and other ICTs not only improve access to learning but can also improve the quality of learning delivered, which is a key developmental goal of the post-2015 development agenda. ICTs can improve teaching skills, inspire new pedagogies and contribute to the effective certification of educators.

The integration of ICTs into education systems can contribute to a new culture of learning that actively responds to the needs and challenges of an ever-changing 21st Century labour market by equipping young people with the practical skills necessary to achieve economic empowerment.

ICT skills are enablers, putting the power to instigate change into the hands of communities and citizens. Using the Internet, mobile telephony and other technologies enables an ‘anytime, anywhere’ learning environment that facilitates personal learning and allows anyone to be both educator and educated. ICTs can also be seen as tools for job creation, with the development of new sectors having specific impact on young people who face high rates of unemployment across Africa.

However, in spite of the widespread expansion of communications infrastructure in recent years, reliable and affordable broadband Internet for all is still a long way off from being achieved. With the increasing penetration of broadband Internet across Africa should also come a myriad of developmental benefits associated with access to education – but how can this be guaranteed?

One of the aims of this Ministerial Round Table is to examine best practice and to produce practical recommendations that can be adopted by governments across Africa to boost access to broadband internet and quality education.
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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, May 28th

09:15 – 11:00 MRT OPENING PLENARY

CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister John Nasasira, Ministry of ICT, Uganda

• Hon Minister Stanley Simaata,
Deputy Minister, Ministry of ICT, Namibia
• H.E. Hamud Ali Hassan,
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Somalia
• Contributions from other Ministers present
• H.E. Dr Isaias Barreto da Rosa,
Commissioner for Telecoms and Information Technologies, ECOWAS, Nigeria
• Dr Bitange Ndemo,
Honourary Chairperson, The Alliance for Affordable Internet, Kenya

Enabling Affordability: Lessons Learnt

• Livingstone Indetie,
Corporate, Enterprise & Public Sales Specialist, Hewlett Packard East Africa, Kenya
• Donald Clark,
eLearning strategist and expert, UK

From ‘Rift Valley’ to ‘Oculus Rift’

[Coffee and tea will be served during the opening plenary]

11:00 – 12:30 INTERACTIVE PANEL: Connectivity Despite All Odds: Best-Practice for Expanding Access

CHAIRPERSON: Dr Maggy Beukes-Amiss, Chairperson, Telecom Namibia, Namibia

• Andrew Rugege,
Regional Director for Africa, International Telecoms Union
• Eng. Godfrey Mutabazi,
Executive Director, Uganda Communications Commission
• Dr Hylton Villet,
Chairman, Mydigitalbridge Foundation, Namibia

Citizen Connect: Facilitating last mile connectivity to underserved communities

• Isaac Kasana,
CEO, Research and Education Network for Uganda (RENU), Uganda

Bequeathing Africa’s G21 a Key to Transformative Learning, Enhanced Research Output and Faster Development

• Eric Schütz,
WiBACK Project Developer, Fraunhofer FOKUS, Germany

Allowing for and utilising broadband connectivity in rural areas

After brief presentations from the panellists, the discussion will be opened to the floor

12:30 – 12:45 GROUP PHOTO

12:45 – 13:45 MRT LUNCH
13:45 – 14:45  ICTs for Inclusive Development

CHAIRPERSON: Honourable Minister Jessica Alupo, Ministry of Education and Sports, Uganda

- Dr Aida Opoku-Mensah,
  Special Advisor on Post 2015, UN Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia
  *How eLearning can enable implementation of the Post 2015 Common African Position*

- Hodan Addou,
  Country Representative, UN WOMEN, Uganda

The presentations will be followed by questions from the floor.

14:45 – 15:15  COFFEE BREAK

15:15 – 15:30  Closing Plenary

- Dr David Turahi,
  Ministry of ICT and Chair of eLearning Africa Local Organising Committee, Uganda
  *The MRT 2014 Communique*

18:00 – 19:30  eLearning Africa Opening Plenary: Growing the Future in Africa

CHAIRPERSON: Honourable John Nasasira, The Minister for Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Uganda

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  The Minister for Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Uganda

- Iyadunni Olubode,
  Executive Director, LEAP Africa Ltd/Gte., Nigeria

- Noah Samara,
  Chairman and CEO, Yazmi, USA

- Dr Bitange Ndemo,
  University of Nairobi, Former Permanent Secretary of Kenya’s Ministry of Information and Communication, Kenya

- Kasirim Nwuke,
  Chief, New Technologies and Innovation Division, UNECA, Ethiopia

- His Excellency Edward Ssekandi,
  Vice President of the Republic of Uganda

20:00 – 22:00  MRT Dinner [Invitation Only]

Join us for a relaxed evening of fine dining set within the beautiful grounds of the Speke Resort.

*The MRT Dinner is kindly sponsored by*
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\[\text{Accès au haut débit abordable et équitable pour un apprentissage transformateur} \]

PROGRAMME  
Thursday, May 29th

08:30 – 10:30  
eLearning Africa Thursday Plenary

CHAIRPERSON: Honourable William Nyombi Thembo, Minister of State for ICT, Uganda

- Rebecca Enonchong, AppsTech, Cameroon
- Jochen Polster, Vice President EMEA, NComputing
- Prof Sozinho Francisco Matsinhe, African Academy of Languages (ACALAN), Mali

10:30 – 11:45  
COFFEE BREAK

11:45 – 13:15  
MRT Special Session: Ministers Meet Makers [Invitation only]

Boosting access to broadband internet and quality education are at core prerequisites to unleashing Africa’s innovative potential. Whilst top-down country wide programmes may be necessary to create the infrastructural framework for access to the Internet and education, community driven initiatives are an equally important part of the solution.

How can governments support and collaborate with private sector and citizen initiatives creating local infrastructure solutions and education opportunities?

What innovative approaches coming out of collaborative learning environments like innovation hubs, hacker spaces and maker spaces can be incorporated into government practices and what can these initiatives contribute toward reaching overarching development goals?

In a round table meeting, representatives from the innovation community will meet government ministers to exchange ideas and discuss collaboration potentials. Concrete examples from the area of education, infrastructure and business development will be presented as examples of how digital and disruptive innovation can impact on development on a local and national scale.

Session leaders:
- Seynabou Fachinger, Global Knowledge Sharing and Learning, Senior Project Manager, GIZ
- Christian Gmelin, Global Knowledge Sharing and Learning, Senior Project Manager, GIZ
- Geraldine de Bastion, Co-Founder, Konnektiv (ICT4D and digital media for development consultancy)
- Volker Lichtenthäler, Senior Consultant, Global Knowledge Sharing and Learning, GIZ
- Stephanie Ludwig, Advisor on ICT4D, GIZ

13:15 – 14:30  
Ministers and their guests are invited to lunch in the Royal Club room. Other participants may take their lunch in the Lunch Marquee.

14:30 – 16:00  
Tour of the eLearning Africa Exhibition Area

16:00 – 16:45  
COFFEE BREAK

16:45 – 18:15  
eLearning Africa Parallel Sessions

Please check the eLearning Africa conference programme for details of scheduled sessions.

18:30  
The Ugandan Dinner and Dance

Enjoy some local Ugandan cuisine, whilst networking with your fellow participants, all set against the stunning vista of Lake Victoria.
PROGRAMME

Friday, May 30th

08:30 – 10:30  eLearning Africa Friday Plenary

CHAIRPERSON: TBC

-  Beate Wedekind,
  Journalist, Author, Producer and Founder, THE NEW//AFRICA, Germany/Ethiopia
-  Mark East,
  General Manager, Microsoft EMEA & ASIA Education Industry Group
-  Bright Simons,
  President of the mPedigree Network, Ghana

10:30 – 11:30  COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:30  eLearning Africa Parallel Sessions

Please check the eLearning Africa conference programme for details of scheduled sessions.

The programme is available online, here: www.elearning-africa.com/programme_table

13:30 – 14:30  Ministers and their guests are invited to lunch in the Royal Club room. Other participants may take their lunch in the Lunch Marquee.

14:30 – 16:00  eLearning Africa Parallel Sessions

Please check the eLearning Africa conference programme for details of scheduled sessions.

16:00 – 16:30  COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 17:30  eLearning Africa Parallel Sessions

Please check the eLearning Africa conference programme for details of scheduled sessions.

17:45 – 19:15  The eLearning Africa Debate

This is your chance to tell colleagues, friends and decision-makers what you think, as you join us for a cut-and-thrust, parliamentary-style debate on a key issue for education in Africa. The motion is:

“This house believes that there is now nothing more important to education than access to the Internet”
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SPEAKERS

Hodan Addou

Hodan Addou is the UN Women Country Representative to Uganda. She has over 20 years of professional experience in gender and development programming with the United Nations. She has an extensive experience in working with civil society, governments and regional organizations in particular supporting their capacity building needs on policy formulation and program implementation. She has also supported UN inter-agency coordination mechanisms for the promotion of gender equality and women’s empowerment both at headquarters and in country offices.

Prior to her assignment in Uganda, Hodan served as the UN Women Country Representative to Zimbabwe and Sudan. In her previous assignments, Hodan has held several positions with UNIFEM/UN Women as a Policy Advisor, Regional Program Coordinator, Program Manager, supporting several country offices and regional programs. Prior to joining UN Women, Hodan worked with UNDP’s Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery and the Bureau for Development Policy in New York, as a Senior Gender & Crisis Prevention and Recovery Advisor. She has also worked with the World Bank in Washington DC on education sector policies in Africa. She holds a MA degree on Economic and Political Development, with a focus on African Studies from Columbia University in New York. She is married and has three children.

Dr Maggy Beukes-Amiss

Dr Maggy Beukes-Amiss is a Namibian with over 17 years of experience in teaching ICT related subjects at the University of Namibia, within the Department of Information and Communication Studies. She has a PhD in Computer-integrated Education (CIE) through the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She served as Head of Department (2005-2007), and now again for another four year term (2012-2015).

She is particularly passionate about eLearning capacity-building activities through the use of open source software packages and research focusing on eLearning technologies and activities. She is a member of the eLearning Committee of the University of Namibia and used to serve on the Namibian Open Learning Network Trust (NOLNet) eLearning Committee as Coordinator of eLearning activities within the entire country for over seven years, until 2011. She has been involved in a number of eLearning capacity-building activities in Namibia and various countries in Africa on behalf of NOLNet, GIZ and GESCI.

She served as Chairperson of the eLearning Africa 2013 Local Organising Committee and was also a reviewer of conference papers for eLearning Africa, on behalf of ICWE GmbH, Germany, 2011-2014. She is a certified ICDL trainer (2007) and an Expert of New Learning Technologies (2005) through TeleAkademia of Furtwagen, Germany.

She has served as an ICT Steering Committee member of the ICT Steering Committee of the Ministry of Education in Namibia since 2005 and, in addition, has been the Deputy Chairperson of the ICT Steering Committee since 2012. She was a contributor of the national ICT Policy and implementation plan, Tech NA!. She was a Commissioner and then Chairperson of the Board, of the regulator Namibian Communications Commission (NCC), 2006-2011. She was also appointed as the country’s eminent e-Content expert through the World Summit Award (WSA), 2006 -2014. She served as a Technical Quality Assurance Committee (TeQAC) member for the African Leaders in ICT (ALICT) blended learning programme of GESCI, as well as the tutor-coordinator (training and coaching) e-tutors of the ALICT programme, 2011-2013. Another highlight in her career path is that she has recently been appointed as the Chairperson of the Telecom Namibia Board.

Donald Clark

Donald Clark was CEO, and one of the original founders, of Epic Group plc, which established itself as the leading company in the UK e-learning market. It was floated on the Stock Market in 1996 and sold in 2005. He is now a board member of Ufi (learndirect), LearningLight, Brighton Festival, Interactive University, South East Media Network and a school governor. He has produced over 40 papers, dozens of book reviews and many articles on e-learning. Donald has also won many awards for the design and implementation of e-learning, and the ‘Outstanding Achievement in e-learning Award’ at the World Open Learning Conference. He is a regular speaker at national and international conferences. He is also a regular blogger on e-learning!
AADLC is a partnership of over 15 learning centers (AADLC Affiliates) in African Countries. AADLC Affiliates collaborate in holding events that connect people across countries and regions for learning and dialogue on development issues.

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- NGOs
- Government
- Private Sector
- Development Agencies

**Core Objectives:**
- Design
- Manage
- Promote
- Coordinate
- Develop

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- Learn from each other
- Share knowledge
- Share experiences

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“I firmly believe that if we are to develop our countries further, we need to develop rural communities. If rural populations can have better access to information, they can make informed decisions that will improve their businesses and support their families. And using ICTs to deliver education will go a long way to achieve this.”

*Dr. MorSeck, President AADLC*
Dr Harold Elletson

Dr Harold Elletson is the Director of The New Security Foundation, which conducts research into the implications of the new security environment for civil society. The New Security Foundation provides an international forum for dialogue between the public and private sectors and offers analytical insight and information about new security conditions. The Foundation hosts regular events and conferences, including an annual 'International Forum on eLearning for Defence and Security.' He is also a founding director of the Africa Forum on Business, Investment and Security, a member of the steering committee of ONLINE EDUCA BERLIN and a member of the Organising Committee of eLearning Africa.

Dr Elletson was previously Director of the NATO Forum on Business and Security, which he created with support from the NATO Science Programme. The Forum, which brought academics, businessmen and political leaders together to discuss the implications of the new security environment, was attended by delegates from over 60 different countries.

A former Member of the United Kingdom Parliament (from 1992-1997), he served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in the early stages of the peace process and was also a member of the Select Committee on Environment. Harold Elletson has a good knowledge of education at a local level both in Britain and overseas. He served as a member of the Lancashire Education Authority (the Education Committee of Lancashire County Council) before being elected to Parliament where he represented the interests of schools and colleges in his constituency in discussions with Ministers and on the floor of the House of Commons.

An international public affairs consultant and a fluent Russian speaker, he has advised many leading companies on aspects of their business in the former Soviet Union, including BP in Azerbaijan and Alstom in Siberia. He has written widely on political and historical subjects and his first book, The General Against the Kremlin, was published by Little Brown. His journalism has been published in a variety of newspapers and magazines. Dr Elletson holds a PhD in Social Sciences from the University of Bradford. Harold Elletson is the Editor in Chief of The eLearning Africa Report 2014.

He has a longstanding interest in food production, owns a small agricultural estate in the north of England and hosts a monthly farmers’ market at his home.

Livingstone Indetie

In this role, Livingstone Indetie is responsible for IT solutions to Key Public Sector accounts in Kenya and South Sudan, which include personal computers, workstations, printers, Thin Clients and Managed Print Services for the commercial segments.

Livingstone joined HP in 2008 as Sales Representative for Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda. During his tenure at HP, part of his responsibilities included the Printing & Personal Systems (PPS) education sector Team Leader for West, East and Southern Africa (WESA).

Most recently, Livingstone served as PPS Country Manager for Ethiopia and currently is the PPS Kenya Corporate Accounts Manager for Computing and Printing business in the Enterprise & Public Sector Segment.

Livingstone holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nairobi, an MBA (Strategic Management) from the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPAK).
An e-learning task force was set up in 2006 for ECOWAS by the President of the Commission to address the challenge of education and unemployment among the youth in West Africa. It has been pursuing a programme to:

- To build the Information technology capacity of the West African youth who represent 70% of the West African population (approx. 161 million people).

- Make education more accessible and affordable hence making the youth more engaged, employable and capable of achieving their full potential for their benefit and that of the Community.

- To provide skills, remove ignorance and encourage participation in the society.

- Make youth more self reliant
Isaac Kasana

Isaac J. M. Kasana is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Research and Education Network for Uganda (RENU), Uganda’s National Research and Education Network (NREN), since June 2013. Before joining RENU, he served for about 8 years as ICT Director at Uganda Christian University (UCU) and was part of the interim task-team charged with the operationalisation of RENU, by the vice chancellors’ forum in January 2006.

He graduated from Makerere University in 1979 and spent most of the first 10 years working in various areas of electronics, including design and production of power equipment, technical support for and calibration of medical, measuring, scientific instruments and radio communication equipment. He received technical training on medical and analytical instruments (Hungary & UK), IBM large computers (Zimbabwe), ISM band wireless (South Africa) and VSAT systems (Kenya). He also provided technical support for many generations of IBM large computer systems and PCs.

He has worked in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, including about two years teaching at (then) Uganda Technical College. Between 1990 and 2004 he founded, co-founded and served as General Manager for four ICT companies including a VSAT communications company that introduced Internet access by Ku-band VSAT terminals in Uganda. He was involved in ICT4D and Universal Access Policy development.

He holds a BSc (Hons) and a Master of Engineering (Electrical) both from Makerere University, during which he researched the suitability of RF propagation models for planning GSM networks in Kampala. He is a corporate member of the Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers (MUIPE) where he served as a council member for two years, and is also a registered engineer (R. Eng). He is married to Damallie and they have four adult children.

Dr Bitange Ndemo

Dr Bitange Ndemo is the immediate former Permanent Secretary of Kenya’s Ministry of Information and Communication. After his tenure with the Government, Dr Ndemo went back to his job as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Nairobi’s Business School, where he teaches entrepreneurship, and research methods. Most of his research centres on small and medium enterprises in Kenya with an emphasis on social enterprise. Dr Ndemo holds a PhD in Industrial Economics from the University of Sheffield in the UK and an MBA and bachelor’s degree in Finance and Accounting from the University of Minnesota. In the early 1990s, he was a Financial Systems Analyst at Medtronic Inc., a Fortune 500 company in the USA. He is Honorary Chair of the Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) and an Advisor to the Better than Cash Alliance, a global initiative to digitise payments.
Aida Opoku-Mensah


This role includes coordinating activities on Post-2015 in Africa as well as working with the African Union, African Development Bank and other UN agencies on the Common African Position for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. She was previously the Director of ICTs, Science and Technology Division of UNECA. Whilst working in these areas she promoted Science, Technology and Innovation for Development, including strategic areas such as geospatial technology, library and knowledge management, as well as ICT for Development.

She specifically led and implemented impressive initiatives such as UNECA’s African Information Society Initiative (AISI) a continental digital agenda supporting African countries to develop and implement national ICT4D policies and strategies, Technology in Government in Africa Awards (TIGA) to encourage African Governments use of technology for development, and was one of the co-architects of the Innovation Prize for Africa Award (IPA) – an initiative to encourage African innovators and inventors to enhance their roles in the Africa’s development process.

She is credited with developing and overseeing the implementation of the Access to Scientific Knowledge in Africa (ASKIA) Initiative, an innovative resource to enable African scientists to access scientific knowledge worldwide. Dr Opoku-Mensah’s career spans academia, as well as the public and international sectors, and in philanthropy, working for the Ford Foundation’s West Africa office in Lagos, Nigeria. She established the Panos Southern Africa regional office based in Lusaka, Zambia as its first director, and has lectured at London’s City University on communication policy.

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Preceding this engagement he worked as a consultant for StartUps and the telecommunications industry in San Francisco, during which time he travelled and worked in different parts of Africa in the realm of education and internet services.

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Dr David Turahi

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He was chaired many National Task Forces, Committees and Teams that have developed various policies, laws and regulations for the ICT sector. He is a member of the Makerere University Council, a member of the Board of the National Information Technology Authority- Uganda (NITA-U), and a member of the Board of the Research and Education Network of Uganda (RENU). With regard to the eLearning Africa Conference 2014, he is the Chairman of the National Organising Committee that has been working tirelessly to ensure that this Conference is a success.

Dr Hylton Villet

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