

EU-AFRICAN R&D PROPOSAL IDEA**Personal Details**

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Proposal**Title**

E-Learning Collaboration b/n the ICT Club of Menelik II General & Preparatory High School in Addis Ababa and European Schools

The title of your Proposal: please provide a maximum of 15 words that accurately reflect what your proposal is about.

Proposal idea (max 500 words):

The ICT Club of Menelik II General & Preparatory High School in Addis Ababa is a capacity building club founded as co-curricular activity in September 2001 and currently has a membership capacity of 100 students and 50 teachers. The main objectives of the ICT Club are:

-The Club provides training on computer basics, Internet usage, web page development and basic programming courses to student & teacher-members, in cooperation with local computer training houses, the Computer Science Department of

the Addis Ababa University and in cooperation with other agencies like the British Council-Ethiopia, UNESCO-Ethiopia and UNDP-Ethiopia.

- The Club promotes tele-collaborative (E-Learning) projects for student members using the Internet with learners from other countries in the globe. To affect this, it collaborates with known global and regional learning networks such as IEARN, GTP, Junior Challenge Project, Think Quest Africa and other E-Learning networks or schools in Europe or the USA.

-The Club also provides free Online Professional Development Courses for teachers in cooperation with global learning networks such as IEARN, EDN and other online course providers in Europe or the USA.

In line with the above-mentioned objectives of the ICT Club, my proposal for the EU-African R & D Partnership for bridging the digital divide is as follows:

- 1) Let the ICT Club at Menelik II General & Preparatory High School in Addis Ababa be facilitated with its own (independent) computer lab consisting of 10-networked computers with a broadband Internet connection at the precepts of its present office & conference facility in the school. This facility will be solely used to affect the club's objectives mentioned above in a more efficient way and its best practices & experiences can be replicated to other schools in the country in partnership with the School Net Project at the MoE of Ethiopia.
- 2) Then after setting up this Internet Center at the ICT Club of the school, we can use it to promote tele-collaborative projects (E-Learning projects) b/n our students in Addis and learners in the schools in Europe, and in collaboration with other Global Learning Networks mentioned above as well.
- 3) We can also use the Internet facility to provide Online Professional Development Courses for teachers in the school as well as for other educators working in the Education Offices in Addis.

The only thing needed to affect this project is to raise funds from donor organizations in Europe and set up the Internet Center and allocate budgetary funds to sustain the program within the ICT Club of the school.

Further References:

- The 'E-Learning Experimentation in Ethiopian High Schools' is a paper to be presented by me at the E-Learning-Africa Conference on 25 May 2006 at the precepts of the UNCC in Addis Ababa, as the Preliminary Conference Program at Session SC 05 indicates.
- To get more reference about School ICT Clubs in Ethiopia, please refer to the following PDF file:
http://www.schoolnetafrika.net/fileadmin/resources/ICT_clubs.pdf

Short Description of Institution

A short description of the institution (between 200 and 300 words) to include the most recent relevant experience related to the proposal idea.

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The late Emperor Menelik II of Ethiopia founds 'Menelik II General & Preparatory High School' as 'Menelik II School', where at present a vibrant ICT Club is found, in September 1905, 100 years ago. When the school was founded, only hundreds of students were present. But now, the population of the students is raised to about 6,000 in a two-shift system, comprising of General High School Students (Grades 9 & 10) and Preparatory (Pre-College) High School students (Grades 11 & 12).

I thank you,

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