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E-LEARNING DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING FOR EDUCATORS IN THE SEYCHELLES

Summary Report

Project Name: **e-Learning Development and Training for Educators in the Seychelles**
Project Ref No: **TP SCE 01**
Beneficiary State: **Seychelles**
Beneficiary Institution: **National Institute of Education, Seychelles**
Service Provider: **The Virtual Centre for Innovative Learning Technologies,
University of Mauritius**

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the twinning project was to identify and produce a technical report on institutional gaps relating to e-learning in the Seychelles and propose a way forward to the government of the Seychelles in this regard.

Other objectives included training and re-training of teachers in secondary schools and post-secondary institutions in e-learning approaches and the use of software, materials and equipment for e-learning

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- Between 19th and 24th January 2009, two experts (Mrs Dorothy Cooshna-Naik and Mr Mohamad Santally) from the University of Mauritius visited the Seychelles to identify institutional gaps and suggest the way forward towards the development of e-learning in the Seychelles.
- On 25 May 2009, the technical report was submitted to the network by the technical advisor after consultation with the Ministry of Education of the Seychelles, and after considering the review of the report by Dr. Matthew Montebello of the Department of Artificial Intelligence, University of Malta.
- Between 23rd and 28th February 2009, five teacher trainers from the Seychelles visited the University of Mauritius for a period of 5 days to gain first hand experience of the system in operation in the Mauritius and to receive training in the use of software, materials and equipment for e-learning.
- In March 2009, adverts appeared in the National Press of the Seychelles and Mauritius, briefly describing the project.
- On 15th March 2008, the Final Administrative Report in connection with the Project was submitted to the Network.
- On 16 July 2009, the technical report was submitted to the Seychelles Minister for Education Hon. Bernard Shamlaye at the National Institute of Education by Mr Christ Paddia from the Mauritius Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the SSNED.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SEYCHELLES

In a letter dated 10th July 2009, Mr Ahmed Afif, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of the Seychelles, thanked the SSNED for providing the necessary funding for the twinning project.

He stated that the project had been conducive towards helping the 'National Institute of Education' in setting standards and updating the Seychelles educational systems to a more efficient and effective educational system through the use of modern technology.

Mr Afif concluded his letter by thanking the SSNED for the assistance in the twinning project and looked forward to further collaboration with the network.

OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT

Beneficiary State *Ministry Focal Point*: Mrs Margaret Pillay Moumou
Ministry of Education, P.O Box 48, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles

Project Leader (BS-PL): Ms Elizabeth Charles

Liberty House Director Technical Cooperation, Ministry of Finance, Liberty House, Mahe, Seychelles,
Responsibilities: To monitor the progress of the project on behalf of the Beneficiary State; to form part of the Project Monitoring Committee.

Project Manager (BS-PM): Mr Alex Souffe

National Institute of Education, Mont Fleuri, Mahe, Seychelles.
Responsibilities: To manage the Project on behalf of the Beneficiary Institution as counterpart to the Technical Advisor; to draw up, in collaboration with the SP-PL, a programme for the 5 day visit by the TA and ATA and issue an invitation for the experts to visit Seychelles; to ensure that office space and related facilities for the visiting experts are as required for the task; to form part of the Project Monitoring Committee

SERVICE PROVIDER

Institution: The Virtual Centre for Innovative Learning Technologies, University of Mauritius.

Project Leader (SP-PL): Ms Veena Singh Jhugaroo

Central Administration, University of Mauritius, Réduit, Republic of Mauritius
Responsibilities: To monitor services offered by Service Provider, including the services of the TA and ATA; to liaise with the BS-PL in drawing up a programme for the 5 day training visit by 5 Seychellois teachers to be trained and is to issue an invitation for the teachers to visit the University of Mauritius; to ensure that accommodation and logistics for the visit of the trainees are as required; to liaise with the BS-PL and BS-PM in this regard.

The Technical Advisor (TA): Mrs Dorothy Cooshna-Naik

The Virtual Centre for Innovative Learning Technologies, University of Mauritius, Reduit, Mauritius
Responsibilities: To visit the Seychelles for one week in order to identify institutional gaps and suggest the way forward towards the development of e-learning in the Seychelles; and to write a technical report in this regard.

Assistant to the TA (ATA): Mr Mohammad Issack Santally

The Virtual Centre for Innovative Learning Technologies, University of Mauritius, Reduit, Mauritius
Responsibilities: To assist the Technical Advisor in the drawing up of the technical report.