THEME

Building a Global Community of Policy-Makers, Educators and Researchers to Move Education into the Digital Age

June 8-10, 2011
UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France
In 2009, 70 leading researchers, policy makers and educators, spanning six continents, gathered in The Hague in The Netherlands for the first EDUsummIT. Their primary goals were to: a) establish a clear view of the role of ICT in 21st century learning, and b) examine implications of ICT’s emerging role for formal and informal learning. The first EDUsummIT led to a Call to Action on the Future of ICT in Education (see Annex).

Since 2009, the EDUsummIT community has become a community of policy-makers, educators and researchers who have committed themselves to examine the impact of evidence and dissemination strategies on future policies and practices in countries across the world.

EDUsummIT 2011 is organized by UNESCO (Teacher Policy and Development Section), the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE), Kennisnet, International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) WG 3.3 (Research on Education Applications of Information Technologies) W.G. 3.3, the Association of Teacher Education, (ATE) and the International Journal For Computer Assisted Learning. This meeting will bring together 120 distinguished policy makers, educators, researchers, journal editors and private sector leaders - those key to the field of ICT in Education - to build on the outcomes of EDUsummIT 2009. The Summit will be convened from June 8-10, 2011 at UNESCO’s Headquarters in Paris.

The Summit is designed as a working conference to pursue the following objectives:
- Report on the impact/evidence of the UNESCO programmes and initiatives in ICT in education and the International Handbook of Information Technology in Primary and Secondary Education. These served as the basis for EDUsummIT 2009.
- Refine the national, international and regional models for the use of ICT in 21st century education.
- Develop strategies to help build a global community of policy-makers, teachers and researchers in the field of ICT in Education.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EDUSUMMIT
The Summit will be organized in interactive plenary and breakout sessions. Recommendations of the working groups to help move educational systems into the digital age, and leading papers from the 2011 meeting will be assembled in a UNESCO summit report and a special issue of the International Journal for Computer Assisted Learning for rapid publication after the event.

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SUMMIT WEBSITE
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HANDBOOK

Follow up activities related to the recommendations in the Call to Action have taken place in:
- Ambassadors’ programme discussions with academics at University of Johannesburg and Stellenbosch on outcomes of the EDUsummIT 2009.
- National Technology Leadership Summit, Honolulu, USA, January 2011.
- Redefining Teacher Education [for Digital Age Learners] Summit, Austin, TX; USA, December 2009, and Washington DC Writing Colloquium, June 2010.
- Future of Teacher Education Symposium, Sydney, Australia, July 2010.