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## NEXT STEP IN 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS IN AFRICA

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- More than 500 multi-year scholarships are planned to be distributed in 2012
- Some 5,000 African students and their teachers in four countries can benefit from connectivity to a 21<sup>st</sup> century education

Eight secondary schools in Africa have now received the PC as a Service solution, a cloud-computing solution that provides schools with a low-maintenance, easy-to-use model that is optimized for mobile broadband networks. The deployment is part of Connect To Learn's initiative in the Millennium Village clusters in Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

In addition, more than 500 scholarships will be distributed in 2012 thanks to Connect To Learn partners including Ericsson, the Sanchez-Palm Girls Scholarship Fund, SpinMaster, JM Eagle and a number of individual contributors. Scholarships cover tuition, boarding and other school-related expenses.

Elaine Weidman, Vice President, Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility, Ericsson, says: "Mobile and broadband technology is a key enabler for access to a quality education in all communities, even the poorest and most rural. Delivering cloud-based computers and connecting them in the eight schools is a major step in our mission to bring a quality secondary education to more students."

PC as a Service uses laptops on a mobile broadband connection, and allows students to have access to the news, information and the latest educational content, as well as fellow students around the world. For teachers, it allows greater focus on students, as maintenance of the solution is done remotely.

The eight secondary schools now using the solution are located in Millennium Villages Project clusters in Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda where Ericsson has been active in providing the network infrastructure and services to bring voice and data communications as part of the broader Millennium Villages Project.

During 2011 Connect To Learn was deployed in Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. In total, some 5,000 African students now have access to quality learning resources for a 21<sup>st</sup> century education.

In addition to these activities, ICT deployments have begun in Chile and Jamaica where hundreds more students will benefit from the support of Connect To Learn.

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Photos Left to Right:

[Connect To Learn Ulumbi Secondary School Sauri, Kenya\\_](#)

[Connect To Learn Mbola Millennium Village Students at Llolangulu Secondary school \(at front: Ericsson\\_region sub-Saharan Africa Director\\_Margaret\\_Kositany\)](#)

[Connect To Learn Uganda\\_Ntungu Secondary school, Headteacher\\_Innocent Nakawunde, Prof Earth Institute\\_David Hursh, ICTteacher\\_Bylon Kagwisagye](#)

NOTES TO EDITORS

About Connect To Learn

Connect To Learn is a public-private partnership between Ericsson, the Earth Institute at Columbia University, and Millennium Promise along with operator and other corporate and individual partners. A global education initiative, Connect To Learn is designed to ensure a 21st century secondary education for everyone – even those in the most remote villages of the world – by providing secondary school scholarships for girls, and making ICT investments in their schools to improve access to quality educational resources.

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