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International Forum on Adopting an ICT Perspective to Education and Learning

International Bureau of Education (IBE), UNESCO in partnership with Google and in collaboration with the UNESCO International Institute of Technology for Education (IITE) in Moscow the National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) in New Delhi and the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of India (MHRD-GOI) is organizing an International Forum on Adopting an ICT Perspective to Education and Learning. The forum is being held in New Delhi, India from 31st October- 4th November 2016.

IBE supports countries efforts both through direct technical assistance but also by providing platform to share experiences and best practices from around the world and build country capacity to harness technology to strengthen education systems for sustained improvement of education quality, equity and inclusion. The forum targets mainly countries which are implementing the UNESCO developed General Education Quality Analysis Framework (GEQAF).

Participating countries include Azerbaijan, Botswana, Egypt, Gabon, India, Lithuania, Oman, Seychelles, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Swaziland. Experts from Brazil, Mauritius and the United State are also participating. IBE partner Google is contributing significantly not only India a group of officials/faculty representing RMSA, SCERTs, School Teachers, and National ICT Awardee. NCERT and senior officials from MHRD-GOI and Autonomous bodies under MHRD-GOI are likely to participate.

The International Forum is designed differently than the common practice of conferences and workshop characterized by extensive presentations and with very little interaction and hands-on activities. For adopting an ICT Perspective to Education and Learning experiential learning is very essential. Therefore, the sessions of the forum are designed to be interactive and to build on concrete cases of ICT integration and inclusion through practical hands-on activities. Best practice cases from countries like India, Lithuania, Mauritius, Oman and South Africa will be presented in innovating and engaging ways.

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