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Challenges:

- Steady decline of enrolment of young people in the sciences
- Participation of girls and women in science is not ensured
- Methodologies used for teaching science subjects resulting in loss of interest in sciences early on in students’ development
Our strategy

• Innovative, interesting and dynamic tools and methodologies developed and/or integrated into science teaching in order to capture the interest of young students (Make science interesting)

• Training and retraining of teachers is a vital step in attaining these objectives
  UNESCO’s efforts - focus on training activities in the teaching of Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Biology as well as interdisciplinary sciences, from primary school to tertiary levels

• Emphasis laid on enquiry based investigation and hands-on teaching methodologies as a means of improving science curricula
What we do: (Focus on the content)

• Training of teachers and trainers

• Clearing House

• Awareness raising amongst students
Advocate use of Hands-on Experimentation to teach science

- Microscience kits (Mini laboratories) + Manual for teachers and students
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
Hands-on Experimentation

- Cote d’Ivoire: Re-Opening of the University Academic Year (30 August 2012)

H.E President Ouattara
Hands-on Experimentation

- Sudan, Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Burundi…….
International Year of Chemistry (2011)

Promotional video to show the importance of Chemistry in everyday life
UNESCO and Nature Publishing Group

The World Library of Science

- Transformative event in the world science education landscape

  - The Library will contain 2500 – 3000 learning modules in all concepts of life and physical sciences, arranged into standard curricula but capable of full customization by all institutions;

  - A robust web-based and mobile-based delivery system providing access to materials, tutors, and academic information to any faculty or student with basic connectivity.

  - [http://www.nature.com/scitable](http://www.nature.com/scitable)

  - Collaborative effort – inputs from different regions of the world e.g. African Academy of Sciences
What Is Scitable?

Scitable is a free science library and personal learning tool brought to you by Nature Publishing Group, the world’s leading publisher of science.

Scitable currently concentrates on genetics and cell biology, which include the topics of evolution, gene expression, and the rich complexity of cellular processes shared by living organisms. Scitable also offers resources for the budding scientist, with advice about effective science communication and career paths.

Inside Scitable

- **Browse + Search Science Articles**
  - Free in-depth overviews of key concepts.
- **Get Help or Connect with Peers**
  - Ask experts, join discussions, network.
- **Build an Online Classroom**
  - Engage students through articles and discussions.
- **Contribute + Share Your Content**
  - Communicate with the world of science.

Genetics

**Editor:** Helene Miko

Genetics is the study of genomes and how they define the growth, development, and function of organisms.

Cell Biology

**Editor:** Helene Miko

Cell biology is the study of cell structure and function focusing on the cell as the fundamental unit of life.

Ecology

**Editor:** Sara Tenney

The field of ecology studies the interactions of organisms with each other and their environment.

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To show that Mathematics are:

- astonishing, interesting and useful,
- accessible to everyone,
- plays a large part in daily life,
- that they lead to many trades,
- and has an important role in our culture, development and progress.

UNESCO/INTEL collaboration on STEM Education

Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

- World's largest international pre-college science fair
- Competition

1500 high school students from about 70 countries, regions, and territories to showcase their independent research.

The Intel ISEF is the premier global science competition for students in grades 9–12.

- Develop regional science fairs … Discussion on going with the UNESCO category 2 centre in Nsukka centre Nigeria at PanAfrican level
UNESCO/INTEL
Teaching Resources
Collaboration with IEEE

- IEEE – Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineer
  - World’s largest association of engineers

- MOU with IEEE to work on:
  - Accreditation standards and/or bodies to improve the quality of university-level engineering education - Malawi
  - Teacher In-Service Program (TISP) - provides a forum for IEEE volunteers to demonstrate the application of STEM concepts by sharing their real-world experiences with local pre-university educators.

- IEEE Student-Teacher and Research Engineer/Scientist (STAR) Program - to create a technical support network for teachers and a mentoring program for students.
Collaboration with IEEE
E-Scientia

- Developed by IEEE Uruguay
- Directed toward pre-university level students ages 8-16 with preliminary interest in science and engineering. (South Africa and Nigeria)
Teacher Training in collaboration with CERN (Centre Europeen de Recherche Nucleaire) in Physics and on using the Invenio digital library

Objectives: training in the CERN digital library system Invenio for the purpose of establishing open access to research

Activities:

• A one-week school in a Member State for training of teacher trainers in Open Access principles and opportunities, the setting up and operating a national e-repository, introduction to Invenio and establishing working routines for the operation of the repository. (Rwanda, Senegal) - Ghana

• A one-month follow-up advanced training at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, for trainers and teachers in Physics.
International Centre for Theoretical Physics

• Thousands of recorded hours of Physics and Mathematics Lectures available on-line!

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Ideal Fermi gas:

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\frac{PV}{kT} = \sum_s \log (1 + e^{-\beta_s})
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N = \sum_s \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta_s}} + 1
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Women Role Models (Inspiring young girls)
Anousheh Ansari
Women Role Models (Inspiring young girls)

Hayat Sindi

- Inventor
- Low cost diagnostic tools

- First woman in the Gulf region to obtain a PhD in biotechnology
Thank you