Exciting Digital Project for Teachers of Hospitality Studies



Sun International has partnered with the National Department of Basic Education to provide a wealth of digital resources and teacher training to support teachers of Hospitality Studies in Grades 10 to 12 at 101 selected schools across South Africa.

The officials responsible for Hospitality Studies at the national Department of Basic Education are proud of the sound performance that learners have had within their subject and yet there has been serious concern that schools have been de-registering from offering Hospitality Studies at Matric level on an annual basis. Sun International shared this concern and vowed to assist by providing access for teachers to a learning portal, rich with digital content, specifically developed for the subject.

Hospitality Studies is often regarded as a poor relative to the more academic subjects and yet it is one of the few subjects that can be an instant passport to employability.

Sun International Social Development Community Trust therefore sponsored the provision of digital resources aligned to CAPS, via an online learning management system designed by Obami Networks, as well as teacher professional development provided by SchoolNet South Africa and hardware, comprising laptops, data projectors and magnetic whiteboards for all teachers of Hospitality Studies sourced from IT Master. In the first phase of the project, 101 schools have been selected across eight provinces, with a view to including the remaining 200 schools in future phases.



Sun International and the DBE anticipate that learners and teachers alike will be motivated by the project which includes prizes and rewards for sustained teacher and learner performance throughout the project. Officials at the DBE are hoping that similarly-designed projects will follow that will also "turn the tide of education "in other skills-based subjects.

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