

“...although there have been major efforts to increase access to ... information and communication technologies, their costs remain prohibitive in many developing countries. ... Present a hindrance to development...

I call upon all members of the global partnership to deliver on their promises. Only four years remain. The stakes are high, but so are the rewards.”

Ban Ki-moon,
Secretary-General of the United Nations

MILLENNIUM@EDU

Making a difference for 15 million students

Partnership to Empower Learning Environment through Technology

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MISSION	The Millennium@EDU Program 's mission is to contribute to the advancement in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through the use of Information, Communication and Scientific Technologies (ICSTs) in Learning and Education while fostering key 21st Century Skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration and creativity, among others.
MILLENNIUM SOLUTION PACK	The Millennium@EDU Program will provide a comprehensive “ Millennium@EDU Solution Pack, including computer device ”, to enable every student and teacher in the program access to information technologies including computing devices, content, software and applications all specially tailored for learning, education and inclusion and it will be made available at a smart affordable price . <u>A total of 15 Million Millennium@EDU Solution Packs will be made available until 2015.</u>
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER INITIATIVE	The Millennium@EDU is a multi-stakeholder initiative led by the private sector including some of the largest multinationals involved in education and technology that are willing to provide their contribution for the achievement of the Millennium Goals .
ENGAGING LOCAL PROMOTERS AND GLOBAL PARTNERS	The initiative includes the establishment of National Projects led by local Promoters from the public and private sector to boost the local tech industry with the support of global tech companies and answer to the appropriate needs of the communities where the Millennium@EDU Projects are developed.
GOAL 8, TARGET 8F.	Millennium@EDU is inspired by the “ Millennium Declaration ” and is committed to contribute to Millennium Development Goals framed in particular in Goal 8, Target 8.F: "In cooperation with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications" .
PROGRAM ACTIONS	<p>§ 1. To promote the information and knowledge about world development challenges, particularly the issues related to the MDGs through the use of Information and communication technologies and simultaneously promote 21st Century Skills among students.</p> <p>§ 2. To make available “Millennium@EDU Solution Pack, including computer device” adapted to learning, education and inclusion at an affordable price including content and services, with the contribution of the industry, promoting also the knowledge on world development challenges under comprehensive education Projects using ICSTs.</p> <p>§ 3. Support the implementation of comprehensive Projects which bring ICTs solutions for education, learning and inclusion, including training, content, services and other infra-structure elements to enhance development and education.</p>
PROGRAM TIMETABLE	<p>The Millennium@EDU Program launch is planned for mid-September 2012, in NYC, coinciding with the opening of the 67th Session of United Nations General Assembly.</p> <p>The expected duration of the Millennium@EDU Program is up to 31 December 2015. Further extensions shall be possible under stakeholders' decision.</p>
COLLABORATION MODEL	Although the Millennium@EDU Program is a unique idea, it is not exclusive or intended to be exclusive. It is an open initiative that can collaborate with other projects, either those already existent or to be developed in the future.