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VIAFRICA AWARD 2010: TAKING THE USE OF ICT IN EDUCATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Fabulous prizes to win for Tanzanian schools who submit their ideas for the use of ICT in education and for the best performing schools in the Viafrica ICT battle. There are also prizes for those schools that excelled in the national IT exam.

Moshi – Viafrica Tanzania has announced to launch the Viafrica Award in 2010. Good computer usage within the school environment has to be stimulated from within schools. Therefore Viafrica challenge s all Tanzanian schools with three awards.

1. *The award for the school with the best idea for the use of ICT in education*
2. *The award for the school scoring best in the Viafrica ICT battle*
3. *The award for the schools scoring best in the national IT exam (CSEE)*

During a one-day event on **27 August 2010** in Moshi, teachers are invited to present their ideas on how to use ICT within their lessons. Therefore they should prepare a lesson plan for one of the curriculum subjects they are teaching, which involves the use of ICT.

The prize for the winning schools are respectively five, three and one computer. The best idea is not the only winner, every submitted idea will be rewarded with a voucher for a free computer training at the Viafrica college in Moshi.

In addition, Viafrica challenges all students of Tanzanian schools with an ICT battle. Each school can send three students to participate. The exam will take place on 27 August 2010 in the morning and the results will be available by the afternoon when the awards are handed over. The prize for the school performing best are five computers.

A third competition will be held, based on the results of the national IT exam (CSEE). All schools that have participated in the last examinations in November 2009 and October 2009 are invited to apply for the Viafrica Award. Based on the results that are published on the official website of the National Examination Council (<http://www.necta.go.tz/>) it will be evaluated which school that decided to participate in the Viafrica Award has won the competition.

There are respectively 5 computers to win for the school scoring best in the form 2 and form 4 examination.

The submission deadline for participation in the competition for the awards is 01 August 2010. The application form can be downloaded from Viafrica's website and is available on request from the Viafrica office in Moshi. It has to be handed in by regular mail, fax or email:

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