2017 Call for collaboration with all Ministries of Education to implement PROFUTURO’s DIGITAL MOBILE CLASSROOM to improve the quality of education through digital education in highly vulnerable environments in Latin America and the Caribbean.

THE 2030 ICT ALLIANCE OF THE AMERICAS:
Together for the Sustainable Development Goals

The ICT 2030 ICT Alliance of the Americas, signed in Santo Domingo in June 14th 2016, recognizes the potential of global connectivity to accelerate human progress in Latin America and the Caribbean, reducing digital gaps and developing knowledge societies. The Commitments assumed in this Alliance are focused on working together (private sector, public sector and multilateral institutions) to contribute to the global goal to connect 1.5 billion people more by the year 2030. This also includes to ensure that every public school in the region is connected to the internet and that the digital training is carried out to teachers, in order to improve the quality of education.

Profuturo Digital Mobile Classroom

PROFUTURO is working on an innovative offline solution, that is called **Digital Mobile Classroom** to improve quality education through digital resources that provide access to quality and transformational education creating spaces more inclusive and focusing in the enhancement of teacher’s skills, methods and competencies through digital technologies. Our target is children in **primary education**.

ProFuturo focuses on **vulnerable communities**, affected by poor infrastructures and lack of connectivity, and limited access to quality education, that is why a Digital Mobile Classroom was developed and implemented. It includes:

- Technological Equipment, including a laptop for the teacher and tablets for the children.
- A Learning Platform, that manages the learning process; allows teachers to personalize the education programs; and provides access to contents, reports on activities and outcomes.
- Digital Contents, based on key literacy competencies and progressive level of expertise. All prepared to be used under an offline mode.
- Training and support for teachers and school directors.
- Languages: English, Spanish, French and Portuguese

The education platform is an offline solution that gives teachers different resources to complement the teaching activity in the classroom. The competencies work with the children are: linguistics, stem (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and values and skills for life.

The Program is designed to be a tool in the classroom to enhance digital competencies in the children and in the teachers.

A very important element to ensure the proper use of the Digital Mobile Classroom and for the sustainability of the Program is the figure of a coordinator. They need to be from the educational community to ensure the empowerment of the community.
The OAS cordially invites all Education Ministries of OAS Member States to collaborate in the dissemination of this call to implement the Digital Mobile Classroom activities. The purpose of this collaboration is to provide equal opportunities for boys and girls in vulnerable environments through quality, transformational and innovative digital education.

Who can apply? Any country that finds this project relevant to its social and educational reality can apply.

The role of the Ministries will include: supporting in the dissemination of the Program in those regions which it will be more relevant, suggesting schools (according to the target population: students between 5 – 12 years old, schools with electricity and with motivated school directors and teachers who would take advantage of the Program), and inviting those schools to register. Participation in this process is entirely free and all information regarding Digital Mobile Classroom will be fully available to Ministries at www.fundacionprofuturo.com

Call for collaboration to implement Profuturo in the Caribbean Countries starting 2018

The OAS cordially invites the Education Ministries of the Caribbean OAS Member States to collaborate in the dissemination of this request to implement the activities of Digital Mobile Classroom in the Caribbean countries, starting January 2018, by identifying the opportunities for its deployment in vulnerable environments in these countries.

Proposed activities:

1) Identify the project: In order to create a project, it is necessary to identify 10 schools (3,000 students enrolled at elementary school) that must be located in the same area (no more than 45 minutes apart). The schools need to have electricity and minimum security conditions as the project donates technology devices.

2) Apply: Once the project is defined the partner informs the OAS/CITEL, through the Permanent Mission of the country, the interest in participating and sends the project proposal including a brief description of the location and the schools selected.

3) The OAS sends ProFuturo the project proposal. After the proposal is reviewed, a visit to the schools will be organized to make the final selection and define the training and the logistics for the equipment arrival.

Contact Information
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PARTICIPATE NOW!

We need to work together toward common strategies to accelerate the achievement of development goals agreed to in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations in September 2015.

This initiative also supports the implementation of the Inter-American Education Agenda (IEA), to be approved by Ministers of Education of the Americas in the framework of the 9th Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education in Nassau in February, 2017.