Mobiles for Development: Mobile Learning

Learning Objectives

• Define mobile learning

• State the purposes for which mobile learning is used

• Give examples of mobile learning projects in different parts of the world
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants, 2001-2011 (ITU 2012 Report)
Frequently asked questions by educators and policy makers

• What are the educational uses of mobile devices?
• Are there examples or best practices of the use of mobile devices for teaching and learning?
• Which are the subjects that can be taught using mobile devices?
Purposes for using M-learning

• Programme administration
• Monitoring students’ progress
• learner support
• the delivery of course content
• teaching ‘niche’ subjects e.g. languages
• quizzes and games designed to enhance learning
• context specific activities and as a tool to enhance classroom learning
• whole course delivery including assessment and accreditation
• work-based and just-in time learning
Examples of M-learning projects

• English –In-Action: “Trainer-in the Pocket”-Bangladesh, for teachers’ professional development.
• The M-Learning project in the United Kingdom which targeted school dropouts and failures
• The MoMath Project in South Africa, delivers maths content and support to Grade 10 students so as to improve their competence in mathematics.
• Text2Teach, (Philippines) . It focused on elementary school teachers and pupils to improve the quality of teaching.
• SMS for Language Learning (Chinese University of Hong Kong). SMS used to support classroom instruction
• Yoza Cellphone Stories Project in South Africa used to improve and promote reading and writing among youth.