



How can mobile technologies advance literacy for all, especially in countries that are "book-poor but mobile-rich"? How can they support teachers' professional development to improve education quality? And how can they further gender equality in education and increase opportunities for women and girls?

These specific Education for All-related questions will be addressed during the Second [Mobile Learning Week](#)

(MLW) which will take place in UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from 18 to 22 February 2013. MLW 2013 will be organized in partnership with Nokia, Microsoft, GSMA, Huawei and Alcatel-Lucent.

At the end of 2012 there were an estimated six billion mobile phone subscriptions in the world. The unprecedented uptake of mobile phones in particular, in both developed and developing countries opens up new possibilities for increasing education access, equity and quality. Mobile learning, a growing field of ICT in education, has the potential to significantly impact the delivery of education.

MLW 2013 is the UN flagship mobile learning event and will be attended by an international audience of ICT in education specialists, practitioners, policy makers and representatives from relevant NGOs and corporations.

As with UNESCO's successful first MLW from 12-16 December 2011, the 2013 edition of MLW will share innovative ways of learning with, and through, mobile technologies, and how they can help achieve the Education for All goals and improve the quality of education.

A two-day symposium, from 18 to 19 February, forms the backbone of the event and features keynote speakers, demonstrations of mobile content and technology, and thematic breakout

sessions.

On 20 February, UNESCO, in partnership with the GSMA, will host an invitation-only meeting of high-level government officials to discuss issues relating to mobile learning and policy.

A series of webinars will take place on 21 and 22 February. These online events will allow people all over the world to discuss topics related to mobile learning and will be moderated by leading thinkers in the field of ICT in education.

As the UN agency tasked with coordinating EFA, UNESCO is committed to investigating how information and communication technology—of which mobile devices are the most widespread—can help further progress towards Education for All.

**Additional info:**

- [Register by 14 February](#)
- [Mobile Learning Week](#) (#MLW2013)

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