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Free Electronic Learning Library for Youth

(Nairobi): On December 2, 2016, the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Regional Leadership Center East Africa, a partnership between USAID and private sector leaders, launched its U-Learn virtual library. The U-Learn library includes free courses, videos and articles. Young people can learn about leadership, entrepreneurship, civic engagement and public management. Simply go to <https://ulearn.yalieastafrica.org/> and create a profile with a user name and password.

U-Learn is a tool for young people to access leadership training and expand the reach of the center's learning environment. The curriculum and toolkits are customized to engage youth in East and Central Africa. U-Learn is a "living portal" where content and functionality will be continuously upgraded.

The platform was launched by USAID's Associate Administrator Eric Postel while visiting the Regional Learning Center in East Africa. He explained, "U-Learn is exactly the type of resource that will help young Africans across the region learn about a whole world of possibilities. By accessing the content on U-Learn, young people will have the tools to invest in their own futures and create their own opportunities."

The YALI's is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with partners such as mElimu, Deloitte, Alabase Microsoft, Deloitte, the African Management Initiative, Africa 24 Media, Arizona State University and others.

YALI Center Director Mark McCord said, "U-Learn is a tool that youth in East and Central Africa can use to increase the knowledge and skills they need to achieve their leadership goals. Like all tools, it will not be effective unless it is used, so we encourage youth to log on, access U-Learn's resources, and let us know what they think. This is easy to do as the portal features a "Talk to Us" button, which will allow users to leave comments on functionality and content."

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