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EVENT: ICT for ELT in the Horn of Africa: Options and Approaches.
DATES: 1-5 August
LOCATION: University of Khartoum
ORGANISERS: (1) The British Council
(2) The University of Khartoum
(3) Clarity Language Consultants Ltd
PARTICIPANTS: English Department Heads and Teachers from 14 universities in Sudan and Ethiopia

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The Internet revolution has produced an unusual outcome in schools and universities: in educational technology, the student is often much more knowledgeable than the teacher. The result? Teachers feel threatened, and can be reluctant to use the computer in class. So it is extremely important that both new and in-service teachers are given thorough and ongoing training in the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Sunday sees the start of a one-week workshop, which focuses on how ICT can be used for English language teaching at university level in Sudan, and in the Horn of Africa region. Participants from 14 universities will explore the role of technology in education from a theoretical perspective, and will look at a whole range of practical ways they can implement ICT in their own institutions.

Training will be delivered using a combination of face-to-face input sessions, group discussions and practical 'hands on' activities. At the end of the event, participants will be expected to produce a training plan for cascading the workshop's contents to their colleagues in their own institutes.

The workshop is being organised by the British Council, the University of Khartoum and Clarity Language Consultants, a well-known international publisher of software for teaching English. Clarity is providing free software to all participating universities and is additionally offering a free one-month grammar or pronunciation course to any student who applies from Sudan. For more details, join Clarity's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/clarityenglish

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