



Country: ALGERIA

Committee: UNESCO-2

Agenda: Reducing Inequalities In Digital Education

Algeria is a country in the Maghreb region of North Africa. It covers an area of over 2,381,741 square kilometres and is the largest country in Africa. Its population is 47 million and it is the tenth-most populous country in Africa. Modern Standard Arabic and Berber are the official languages of Algeria. Education in Algeria is free and compulsory for Algerians from the ages of 6 to 15. The literacy rate is around 80% now.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, digital learning was limited but pandemic period accelerated the adoption of online education in Algeria. Algeria signed an agreement with the UNDP and accelerate its 2025–2026 digital transformation strategy. During the school closures, digital inequalities became more visible. The lack of access to devices and the internet affected many students. According to the OECD 2020, many students lack skills for independent learning and online education and that affects students unequally. A combination of problems like lack of necessary access, social support and the digital pedagogy choices of schools during the COVID-19 resulted in disadvantaged students being less engaged.

Algeria and every country in a similar situation, needs support to provide every student with a fair and equitable education. UNESCO's support is crucial in providing better access to digital tools and improving the quality of teaching and learning. Reducing inequalities in access to digital education and taking the necessary steps is possible through cooperation among all member states. Investing in technology, organizing partnerships with private institutions and creating digital libraries can give students access to better tools and opportunities to learn. Algeria will continue to provide its support for any initiative, like it has done in the past.

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