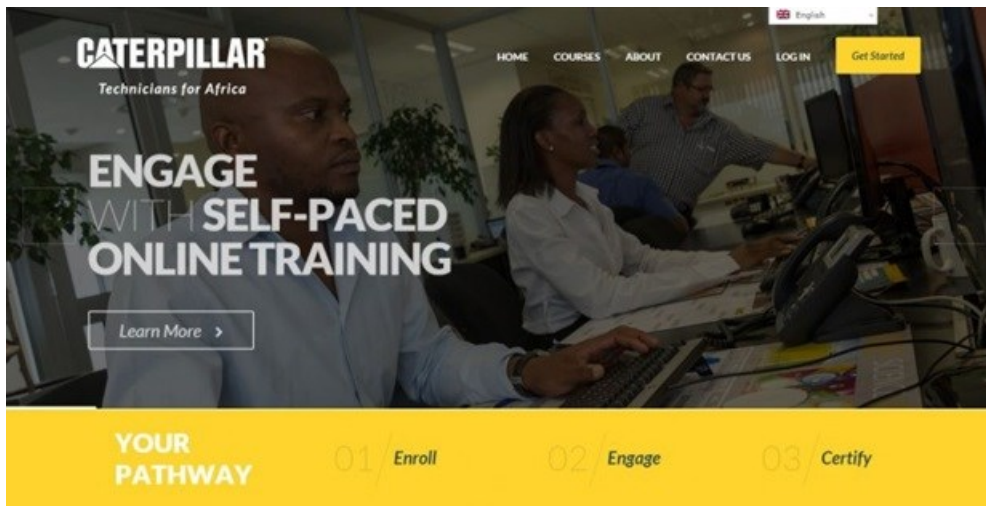# Caterpillar launches free e-learning website for future technicians in Africa

Caterpillar announced that it has launched the pilot-phase of the Technicians for Africa Project, an e-learning website for people who aspire to become a technician in Nigeria, Mozambique and DR Congo.

The website, which is available in French, Portuguese and English, is leveraging Caterpillar's existing, state of the art e-learning solutions and makes them available for anyone in the three countries that has the ambition to develop a career as a heavy equipment technician.

"This is just one of the ways that we're looking to boost the skills in the industry as a whole. There is a vital need for skilled labour across these sectors in Africa. We are proud to see the launch of this initiative," said David Picard, region manager responsible for Caterpillar's distribution in Africa.

The pilot websites in English, French and Portuguese have already been launched and during the pilot stage they will be available in Nigeria, DR Congo and Mozambique. The access to the basic Caterpillar Technician curriculum is free. Those who register for the curriculum will have the opportunity to upgrade their knowledge and upon successful completion of the curriculum, will earn a certificate of completion.

"Many school leavers are unable to enter the job market because they have been unable to receive enough technical knowledge when they leave school. In schools, the latest technical information isn't always available," explained Maurice Manders, Caterpillar's learning and development manager and also team leader of the e-learning project. "Offering an

Internet-based basic learning curriculum that is available to schools and students is an efficient solution to this challenge," he added.

Visit the website: https://techniciansforafrica.caterpillaruniversity.com/.

The new free e-learning curriculum, which contains 18 modules of easy-to-understand, technical insights about safety and basic fundamental systems like electrical, hydraulics and powertrain, complements the paid-for e-learning platforms that are available to Caterpillar's dealers and customers. Paying customers get access to a wider range of e-learning and more functionality of the learning management system.

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