The Cisco Networking Academy Program
Creating Opportunities for E-Quality and Training in the Least Developed Countries
The two great **EQUALIZERS** in life are the **INTERNET** and **EDUCATION**.

John Chambers  
CEO – Cisco Systems
“Jobs of the future will go where the best educated workforce is, the right infrastructure, and with the right supportive government.”

John Chambers, August 2002
White House Economic Summit
Launched in October 1997

64 Academies; 7 states in U.S.

Created as solution for schools

Schools becoming wired

Lacked financial and human resources to manage networks

Academy students design, maintain, and troubleshoot school networks

Prepared for industry standard certification
Expanding Networking Academy Program

New Courses Sponsored by IT Industry Leaders:
Cisco Networking Academy Program around the World

35,000 Online Tests Daily
13,109,992 Total Tests Taken

10,351 Academies,
149 Countries/Territories/Entities

33,132 Instructors

400,109 Students Currently Enrolled

*January 2003 stats
Goal:

• To establish 53 Internet Training Centers by 2003.

• Aimed at closing the gap in “new economy” IP skills in developing countries

• Alleviate gender digital divide
Results to Date
(as of Feb. 2003)

• 36 ITCs established
• 12 LDCs participating
• 834 Students enrolled (27% female enrollment)
• 65 Instructors trained
Least Developed Countries Initiative

G-8 Summit in July 2000: Called for New Public and Private Sector Efforts to Bridge the Global Digital Divide

Cisco Is Establishing Its Global Cisco Networking Academy Program in over Half the World’s Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Strategic Partners:
- United Nations Development Program
- USAID’s Leland Initiative
- United Nations Volunteers/UNITeS
Least Developed Countries Initiative

Results to Date:

39  Participating Countries
    (33 LDCs, 6 non-LDCs in Africa)

83  Academies

278 Instructors trained in Africa and Asia

3,370 Students enrolled as of December, 2002

525 Graduates

*Data from Sept. 20, 2002
Strategic Partners

- Government
- Academia
- Private Sector
- NGO’s - local
- International Organizations/Donors:
  - USAID/ Africa, ANE
  - International Telecommunications Union – 53, Global
  - UNDP and UNV – Africa, Asia, Caribbean, C.Europe
  - World Bank – INFODEV – Philippines, Africa
  - UNECA - Africa
  - UNIFEM - Jordan
  - UNRWA – Jordan, West Bank/Gaza, Syria, Lebanon