GAPMIL: Reading the World Re-creating the World

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Literacy is about more than reading or writing – it is about how we communicate in society. It is about social practices and relationships, about knowledge, language and culture.

Those who use literacy take it for granted – but those who cannot use it are excluded from much communication in today’s world. Indeed, it is the excluded who can best appreciate the notion of “literacy as freedom”.

Regional Chapters

AFRICA

- The 2nd Pan - African Conference - Nigeria in December 2015; this included a two-day workshop for youth-led organisations;

- MIL University Network of Nigeria

- The Centre for Media Literacy in Kenya -- media literacy workshops for teachers and educators from August 1-3 2016

ARAB STATES

- Pan-Arab MIL Conference, May 2015 - delegations from 16 Arab countries

- Steering Committee of the Arab GAPMIL – includes representatives from all Arab countries.

- The Second meeting of the Arab GAPMIL group is organized for Cairo on August 2-3rd, 2016 with the support of UNESCO Cairo Office.
Regional Chapters

**ASIA PACIFIC REGION**

**Hosei University in Japan** – ongoing regional discussions on research priorities, teacher training initiatives, and resource development

**Beijing Tsinghua University, China, 2014** – MIL conference and MILID University Network Meeting

**Queensland University** – MIL Online Course for Teachers, 2014

**NORTH AMERICAN SUB-CHAPTER**

- **NAMLE Conference 2015** (National Association of Media Literacy Education)– Temple University, Philadelphia U.S. – *1st Global MIL Week; meeting of the MILID Network*

- **MIL Roundtable 2016** - Western University, Canada, September 20 – 21st

**National Media Literacy Week, 2016** - Canada and the U. S. - October 31 – November 5th, celebrating Global MIL Week
Regional Chapters

LATIN AMERICA

-Latin America MIL Forum – Mexico, 2014

-Educommunication FORUM was held in Brazil, in June 2015, that gathered more than 300 researchers and organizations to discuss MIL and the work of Gapmil.

-International Forum on Audience Rights in Mexico City took place in December of 2015

-GLOBAL MIL WEEK AND GAPMIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Sao Paulo, Brazil, November, 2016.
Challenges...

• Capacity building; sustainability
• Teacher Education – pedagogy; scaling
• “Mainstreaming” MIL
• Strategic Planning – Policy Level
• Resource development
SUBMIT A PHOTO TO REPLACE ME

PHOTOS SHOULD BE RELEVANT TO MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY AND ITS RELATED AREAS (MEDIA, ICTS, LIBRARIES...)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:
30TH AUGUST 2016

ALL PHOTOS SHOULD BE SENT TO:
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GLOBAL MIL WEEK 2016
ESSENTIAL

HISTORY OF THE GLOBAL MIL WEEK

10 WAYS TO CELEBRATE

INTERNATIONAL MIL AWARD

#MILWEEK2016

RESOURCES

GET INVOLVED

REGISTER YOUR EVENT

SUBMIT A PAPER

ANNOUNCE AN INITIATIVE

JOIN THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR PARTNERSHIPS ON MIL
How can you get involved?

• -join GAPMIL
• -join the Discussion Forum
Final thoughts...

“Literacies are not things we develop just for the sake of developing them. We develop them to do certain things, become certain kinds of people, and create certain kinds of societies. And so the most basic, underlying questions governing [the] development of [media and information] literacies are: ‘What do you want to do with them?’, ‘Who do you want to be?’, and ‘What kind of society do you want to live in?’ (Jones and Haner, 2012)