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TESOL to honor Senegalese Telecommunications Executive

Alexandria, VA (March 2007) – Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), the global education association representing more than 13,000 English language educators worldwide, announces it will be recognizing Léon-Charles CISS, Director General of Sonatel Mobiles, at the opening plenary of its 41st Annual Convention and Exhibit in Seattle, Washington, USA. The presentation will be held before an audience of 1,500 English language educators on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 11:30am in Room 4A of the Washington State Convention & Trade Center.

One of the top telecommunications executives in Senegal, Mr. CISS is a strong advocate of English language education in his country. Recognizing the importance of English as a global language in his professional work, Mr. CISS has been a key supporter of the Association of Teachers of English in Senegal (ATES), a professional membership association for English language educators. Internationally, he represents Senegal in the Surveys Committee of International Telecommunications Union, responsible for the development of Data Transmission networks in Africa. Since 1955, Mr. CISS has been a member of the High Standards Committee, in charge of restructuring the International Telecommunications Union in Geneva. He is presently a member of the INTELSAT Working Group, in charge of restructuring the Satellites International Organisation in Washington, DC, in the United States.

Under the banner "Spanning the Globe—Tides of Change," the 2007 TESOL convention will feature more than 1250 lecture/discussion sessions presented by 1900 speakers representing more than 20 countries. Among the variety of topics are language testing and assessment, technology in

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language learning, bilingual education, education standards, and refugee/immigration concerns. In addition, the convention will feature one of the largest exhibitions of its kind in the world, with over 160 exhibitors offering some of the finest products and services for English language educators and their classrooms.

Press can register for the convention either in advance or on site. To register in advance, visit the online press room at <http://www.tesol.org/>, and click on TESOL 2007. To register on site, please go to Room 504 at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center. Other press releases and more information about presenters and sessions are available at the TESOL 2007 online press room.

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