

Agenda for Africa Regional Consultation for OER

Date: March 2-3, 2017
Venue: Hotel Voila Bagatelle, Mauritius

Theme

OER for inclusive and equitable quality education: from commitment to action.

Objectives

1. Review the progress of OER since the World OER Congress 2012;
2. Identify strategies for mainstreaming OER;
3. Agree on action points that can be presented at the 2nd World OER Congress;
4. Showcase innovative and promising practices in OER policies and initiatives in the region.

Expected Outcome

Strategies, examples and models available for mainstreaming OER in support of achieving SDG4.

This Regional Consultation will be held in the format of a workshop.

Day 1

Time	Session
8:30-9:00	Workshop Registration
9.00 – 10.00	Workshop Inauguration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by <i>Prof. Asha Kanwar, President, COL</i> (10 mins) • Remarks from UNESCO by <i>Zeynep Varoglu, UNESCO</i> (5 mins) • Remarks from Government of Slovenia by <i>Gašper Hrastelj</i> (5 mins) • Address by <i>Mrs. Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research</i> (15 minutes) • Vote of thanks and introducing the Workshop by <i>Sanjaya Mishra, COL</i> (20 mins)
10:00 – 10.30	Overview of the Regional Consultations <i>by Prof. Asha Kanwar and Sanjaya Mishra, COL</i> (20+10 mins) - Plenary Q&A.
10.30 – 11.00	OER for equitable and quality education for all in Africa by <i>Jenny Glennie, SAIDE</i> (20+10 mins) - Plenary Q&A.
11:00 – 11:30	Group Photo and Tea/Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00	Use of OER and Open Textbooks (20+20+ 20 mins) – Plenary and QA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Textbooks in Africa, Presentation by <i>Mark Horner, Siyavula</i> (20 minutes) What OER research in Global South has for the Governments? Presentation by <i>Cheryl Hodgkinson-Williams, University of Cape Town</i> (20 minutes)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Exploring National OER Practices viz SDG4 (Facilitator: <i>Catherine Ngugi, OER Africa</i>) Group work to discuss OER initiatives and best practices in different countries and reporting to the plenary. Group discussion for 40 minutes followed by presentation of 10 minutes each (5 groups).
15:30 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Strategies for mainstreaming OER (Facilitator: <i>Zeynep Varoglu, UNESCO</i>) Break into groups to discuss key challenges to mainstreaming OER <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity of users to access, re-use, and share OER Language and cultural barriers Ensuring inclusive and equitable access to quality content Changing business models Development of appropriate policy solutions Propose concrete potential solutions. Group discussion for 40 minutes followed by presentation of 10 minutes each.
19:00 onwards	Dinner Hosted by Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research at Villas Caroline Hotel in Flic en Flac

Day 2

Time	Session
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and Summary of Day 1
9:30 – 10:30	The 2 nd World OER Congress Chair – <i>Zeynep Varoglu, UNESCO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary presentation by Slovenia/UNESCO: an overview of the 2nd World OER Congress and its objectives, Presentation by <i>Gašper Hrastelj, Slovenia</i>). Plenary discussion on key issues to prepare inputs into the 2 nd World OER Congress.

10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 – 12.30	<p>Identifying Concrete Action</p> <p>Working Groups: generation of African inputs into the 2nd World OER Congress.</p> <p>Break into groups as agreed to address challenges and solutions and to prepare inputs on strategies for mainstreaming OER into planning of the 2nd World OER Congress.</p> <p>Prepare working group presentations.</p>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Africa Regional Inputs into 2nd World OER Congress (Continued)</p> <p>Working groups present proposed African inputs into 2nd World OER Congress.</p> <p>Plenary feedback and finalisation of Regional inputs. Forming an informal, regional network including other “Open” stakeholders.</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Tea/Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:15	<p>Closing and Final Remarks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Way forward (President, COL) • Remarks from UNESCO • Remarks from Government of Slovenia • Closing Remarks by Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, Mauritius