

# Latin America and Caribbean Regional Consultation for OER *Agenda*

**Date:** April 3-4, 2017

**Venue:** GOLDEN TULIP PAULISTA PLAZA, ALAMEDA SANTOS 85  
01419-000 SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**April 2, 2017**

Time	Session
14:00 onwards	<i>Arrival and hotel check-in</i>

**Day 1 - (April 3, 2017)**

Time	Session
8:30-9:00	<i>Workshop Registration</i>
9:00 – 10:00	<p><i>Workshop Inauguration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome (Prof Asha Kanwar, President of COL – 10 mins)</li> <li>• Remarks from the Local Partner Institution Unicamp (Prof Tel Amiel - 10 mins)</li> <li>• Remarks from UNESCO (Mr Joe Hironaka - 10 mins)</li> <li>• Remarks from Government of Slovenia (Mr Gašper Hrastelj - 10 mins)</li> <li>• Remarks from Secretary of Education for the City of São Paulo, Brazil (Mr. Alexandre Schneider - 10 mins)</li> <li>• Introducing the participants (Dr Ishan Abeywardena, COL - 10 mins)</li> </ul>

10:00-11:30	Overview of the Regional Consultations (Prof Asha Kanwar, President of COL – 20+10 mins) - Plenary Q&A.
10:30 – 11:00	OER for equitable and quality education for all in Latin America and Caribbean (Prof Tel Amiel, Unicamp – 20+10 mins) - Plenary Q&A.
11:00-11:30	Group Photo and Tea/Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Open licenses and policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Licenses (Prof Rory McGreal, Athabasca University, Canada – 30+15 mins)</li> <li>• Challenges in OER Policy Implementation in Latin America and Caribbean (Mr. Werner Westermann, Library of National Congress, Chile - 30+15 mins)</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<i>Exploring National OER Practices viz SDG4</i> (Facilitator: Dr Phylcia Marshall, COL Focal Point, Jamaica)  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	<i>Strategies for mainstreaming OER</i> (Facilitator: Mr Joe Hironaka, UNESCO)  Break into groups to discuss key challenges to mainstreaming OER <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capacity of users to access, re-use, and share OER</li> <li>2. Language and cultural barriers</li> <li>3. Ensuring inclusive and equitable access to quality content</li> <li>4. Changing business models</li> <li>5. Development of appropriate policy solutions</li> </ol> Propose concrete potential solutions. Group discussion for 40 minutes followed by presentation of 10 minutes each.

### Day 2 – (April 4, 2017)

Time	Session
8:45 - 9:30	Recap of activities

9:30 - 10:40	<p><i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> World OER Congress</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary presentation by Government of Slovenia: an overview of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World OER Congress and its objectives (Mr Gašper Hrastelj, Government of Slovenia – 20+10 mins)</li> <li>• Demonstration of latest technologies and apps for OER (Dr Mitja Jermol, UNESCO Chair for Open Technologies for OER – 40 mins)</li> </ul> <p>Plenary discussion on key issues to prepare inputs into the 2<sup>nd</sup> World OER Congress.</p>
10:40 - 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 - 13:00	<p><i>Identifying Concrete Action</i> (Facilitator: Dr Ishan Abeywardena, COL)</p> <p>Working Groups: generation of Latin America's and Caribbean's inputs into the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> World OER Congress.</p> <p>Prepare working group presentations.</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	<p><i>Latin America's and Caribbean's Regional Inputs into 2<sup>nd</sup> World OER Congress (Continued)</i> (Facilitator: Dr Ishan Abeywardena, COL)</p> <p>Working groups present proposed Latin America's and Caribbean's inputs into 2<sup>nd</sup> World OER Congress.</p> <p>Plenary feedback and finalisation of Regional inputs. Forming an informal, regional network including other "Open" stakeholders.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee Break
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Closing and Final Remarks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing remarks (Prof Asha Kanwar, President of COL)</li> <li>• Remarks from UNESCO (Mr Joe Hironaka)</li> <li>• Remarks from Government of Slovenia (Mr Gašper Hrastelj)</li> <li>• Closing remarks from the Local Partner Institution Unicamp (Prof Tel Amiel)</li> </ul>