

MENA Regional Consultation on OER Agenda

Date: February 27-28, 2017

Venue: Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), Doha, Qatar

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.

February 26, 2017

Time	Session
18:00-20:00	<i>Dinner hosted by Qatar Foundation</i>

Day 1 - February 27, 2017

Time	Session
8:30-9:00	<i>Workshop Registration</i>
9.00-10.00	<i>Workshop Inauguration</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by Professor Asha Kanwar, President, COL – (10 mins)• Remarks from UNESCO by Zeynep Varoglu (10 mins)• Remarks from Government of Slovenia by Gašper Hrastelj (10 mins)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from ROTA's Executive Director (10 mins) • Remarks from Government of Slovenia (10 mins) • Introduction to workshop by John Lesperance, COL (10 mins)
10:00-10.30	Review of Regional Consultations by Prof Asha Kanwar & John Lesperance, COL (20+10 mins) Plenary Q&A.
10.30-11.00	OER for equitable and quality education for all in the Middle East and North Africa by Professor Mohamed Jemni (20+10 mins). - Plenary Q&A.
11:00-11:30	Group Photo and Tea/Coffee Break
11.30-13.00	Open Licenses and Language use in OER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Licenses – Professor Sana El Harbi • Language (Arabic) use in OER – Rania Adam
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p><i>Exploring National OER Practices viz SDG4 – Fengchun Miao</i></p> <p>Group work to discuss OER initiatives and best practices in different countries and reporting to the plenary.</p> <p>Group discussion for 40 minutes followed by presentation of 10 minutes each (5 groups).</p>
15:30-6:00	Tea/Coffee Break
16:00-17:30	<p><i>Strategies for mainstreaming OER – Zeynep Varoglu</i></p> <p>Break into groups to discuss key challenges to mainstreaming OER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity of users to access, re-use, and share OER 2. Language and cultural barriers 3. Ensuring inclusive and equitable access to quality content 4. Changing business models 5. Development of appropriate policy solutions <p>Propose concrete potential solutions. Group discussion for 40 minutes followed by presentation of 10 minutes each.</p>
19:45-22:00	<i>Dinner hosted by Qatar Foundation</i>

Day 2 - February 28, 2017

Time	Session
9:00-9:30	<p><i>The 2nd World OER Congress</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary presentation by Slovenia/UNESCO: an overview of the 2nd World OER Congress and its objectives (Gašper Hrastelj and Mitja Jermol, Slovenia). <p>Plenary discussion on key issues to prepare inputs into the 2nd World OER Congress.</p>
9:30-10:00	<p><i>Survey</i></p>
10:00-10:30	<p>Tea/Coffee Break</p>
10:30-12:30	<p><i>Identifying Concrete Action – Fengchun Miao</i></p> <p>Working Groups: generation of MENA inputs into the 2nd World OER Congress. 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>
12.30-13.30	<p>Lunch</p>
13:30-15:30	<p><i>MENA Regional Inputs into 2nd World OER Congress (Continued)</i></p> <p>Working groups present proposed MENA 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>
15:30-16:00	<p>Tea/Coffee Break</p>
16:00-16:30	<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 (ROTA)