

Open Educational Resources

Workshop Objectives

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Introduce the concept of Open Educational Resources (OER) and the open licensing frameworks that make sharing of educational content possible;
- Explore how open licensing can help to improve the quality of education in the Pacific and South-East Asia; and
- Discuss where and how policies and practices in education need to change in order to harness the potential of OER.

9:00 Session 1

Chair: Ms Trudi van Wyk, Education Specialist: eLearning, Commonwealth of Learning

Opening and Welcome

Introduction to workshop agenda and purpose of workshop

Mr Neil Butcher – OER Strategist, OER Africa/South African Institute for Distance Education, South Africa

Keynote Address

Taking OER Beyond the OER Community: A Vision From the Commonwealth of Learning and UNESCO

Sir John Daniel – President, Commonwealth of Learning

Ms Stamenka Uvalic-Trumbic – Chief, Section for Reform, Innovation and Quality Assurance, Division of Higher Education, UNESCO

9:45 Session 2

Chair/Facilitator: Ms Stamenka Uvalic-Trumbic, UNESCO

Case-Study Presentations

How OER has been deployed to improve quality in education

Dr Wayne Mackintosh - Director, OER Foundation, New Zealand

Prof John Arul Phillips - Dean, School of Education and Cognitive Science, Asia eUniversity, Malaysia

Ms Nirmita Narasimhan - Programme Manager, Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore, India

Mr Neil Butcher - OER Africa, South Africa

10:45 Coffee/Tea

11:15 Session 3

Group Discussions

Quality in Education: The Opportunities and Challenges of OER

- Can OER really improve the quality of education in institutions? Why/why not?
- What barriers prevent institutions from harnessing the potential of OER?
- What support do institutions need to harness OER effectively?

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Session 4

Chair/Facilitator: Mr Neil Butcher, OER Africa

New Perspectives

The role of technology in taking OER beyond the OER Community

Dr Venkataraman Balaji – Director: Knowledge Management and IT, Commonwealth of Learning

Group Feedback

Plenary Discussions

Taking OER Forward: Possibilities and potential of OER, combined with requirements for successful deployment

Closing and the way forward

Sir John Daniel – President and CEO, Commonwealth of Learning

16:30 Coffee/Tea