

# O 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;
- Present the Guidelines on OER in Higher Education and get feedback on draft version from stakeholders;
- Explore how open licensing can help to improve the quality of education in Asia; and
- Discuss where and how policies and practices in education need to change in order to harness the potential of OER.

## 9:00 – 9:45 Session 1

### Opening

#### Introduction to workshop agenda and purpose of workshop

Prof John Arul Phillips, Dean: School of Education & Cognitive Science, Asia eUniversity, Malaysia

#### Introductory presentations

- Taking OER Beyond the OER Community: A Vision from the Commonwealth of Learning and UNESCO – Sir John Daniel, President, Commonwealth of Learning
- OER – Issues and Challenges for Higher Education – Prof Asha Kanwar, Vice-President, Commonwealth of Learning

Discussions

## 9:45 – 10:45 Session 2

### Case-study presentations

#### How OER has been deployed to improve quality in education

- **Use of OER and Non-OER in programmes at the School of Education & Cognitive Science, Asia eUniversity, Malaysia**  
Prof John Arul Phillips, Dean: School of Education & Cognitive Science, Asia eUniversity, Malaysia
- **OER in the Commonwealth of Learning**  
Dr Kodhandaraman Balasubramanian, Dr Ramamurthy Sreedher, Mr John Lesperance, Commonwealth of Learning
- **OER at Wawasan University**  
Mr Ishan Sudeera Abeywardena, Senior Lecturer, School of Science and Technology, Wawasan Open University, Malaysia
- **OER enabling access to knowledge and participation of persons with disabilities in the information society**  
Mr Pranesh Prakash - Programme Manager, Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore, India



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**10:45 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea**

**11:15 – 12:30 Session 3**

**Panel discussion**

**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?

**12:30 – 13:00 Session 4**

**Presentation: UNESCO-COL Guidelines for OER in Higher Education**

Sir John Daniel

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 Session 5**

**Group discussion: UNESCO-COL Guidelines for OER in Higher Education**

Groups review the policy recommendations in the draft Guidelines for OER in Higher Education:

- Governments (p7-8)
- Higher Education Providers (p8-10)
- Teaching Staff (p10-11)
- Student Bodies (p12-13)
- Quality Assurance/Accreditation Bodies and Academic Recognition Bodies (p13-14)

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea**

**16:00 – 17:00 Session 6**

**Plenary group reports, summary and discussion**

**Group Feedback**

Groups report on the policy recommendations in the draft Guidelines for OER in Higher Education

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

Prof John Arul Phillips and Prof Asha Kanwar

**Closing Remarks**

Sir John Daniel