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Congratulations

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Mobilisation of African Leadership

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Mobilisation of African Leadership

Mobilise the Diaspora!

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International Council

for

Correspondence Education

International Council

for

Distance Education

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Grow the membership in other sectors
as well as higher education!

EDEN

European Distance

Education Network

EADTU

European Association of
Distance-Teaching
Universities

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- Communities of practice
- Involve the Diaspora



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Mission

- Policy
- Systems
- Applications



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Sister associations:

- **CARADOL**

Caribbean Association for Distance and Open Learning

- **GADOL**

Guyana Association for Distance and Open Learning

- **JADOL**

Jamaica Association for Distance and Open Learning

Open and Distance Learning

and

Technology-mediated education:

WHY

do we believe in their value

???????

DEVELOPMENT

(e.g. NEPAD)

is fundamentally

a challenge of learning

DEVELOPMENT

is the

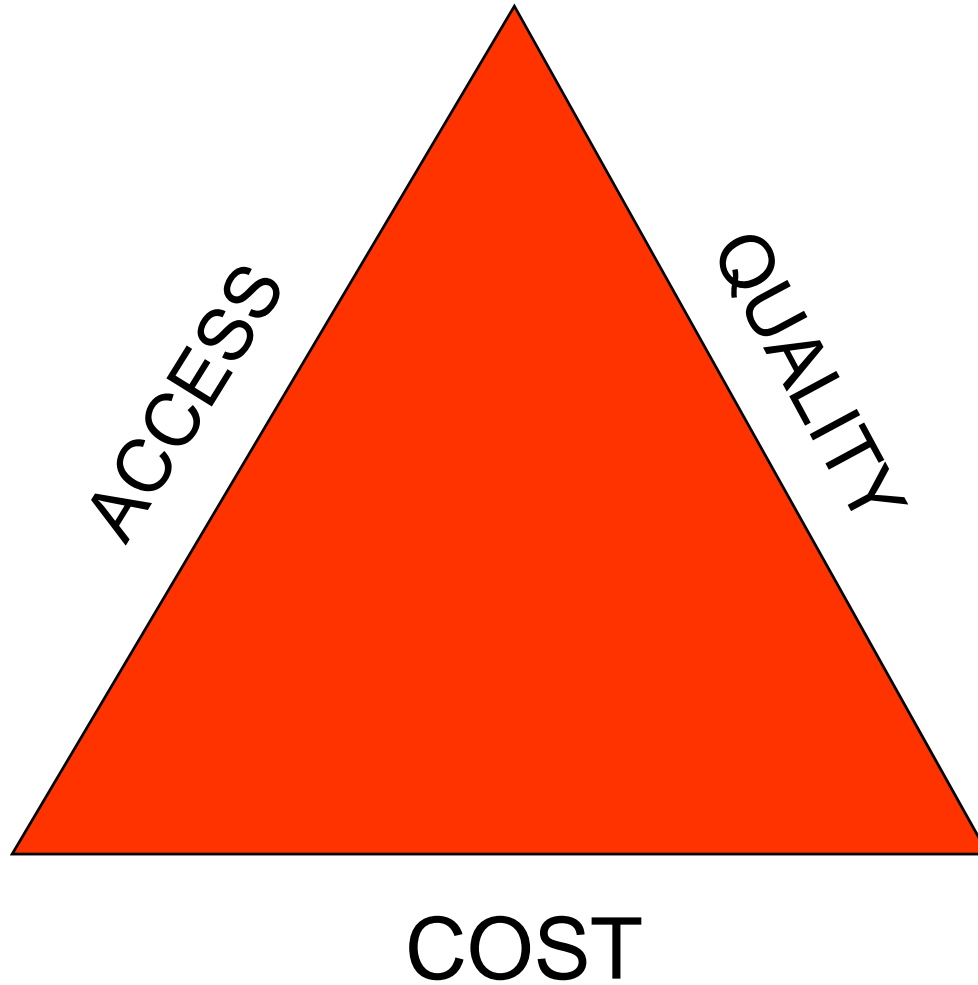
legacy of learning

DEVELOPMENT

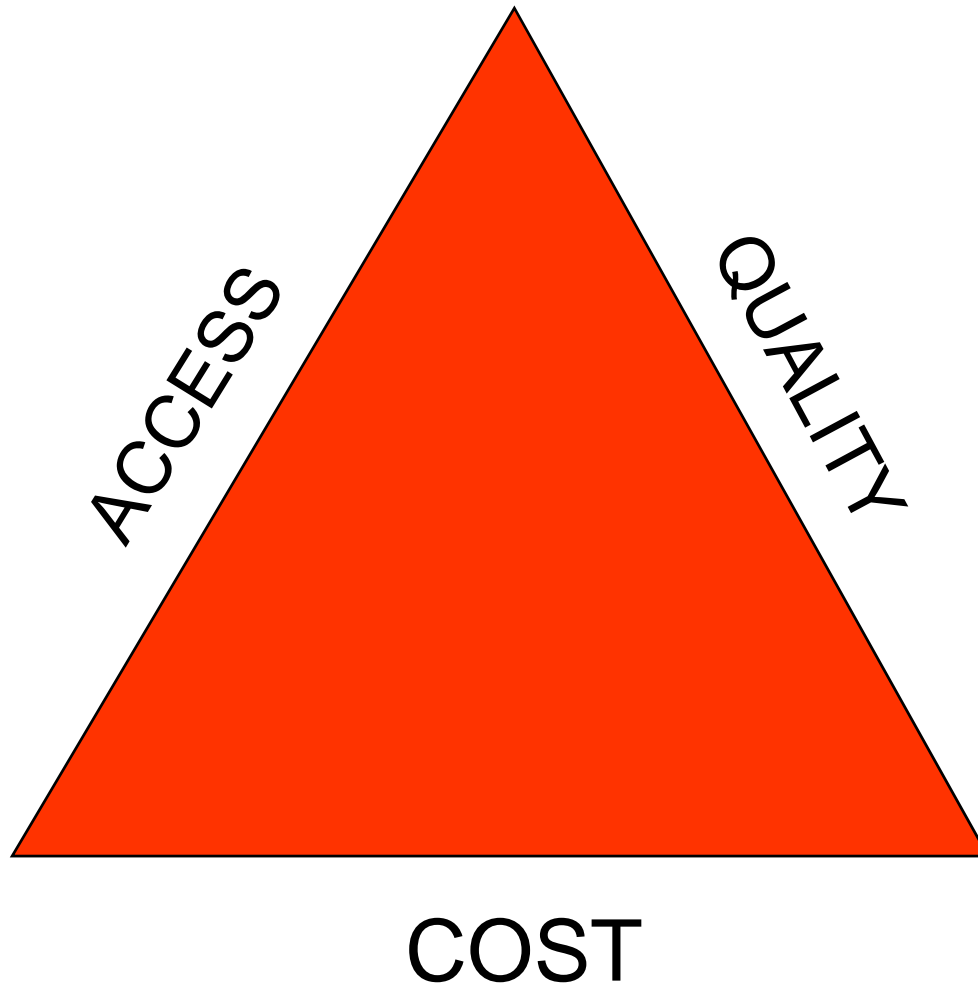
is the legacy of learning in diverse fields such as:

- Government
- Health care
- Disease prevention
- Development management
- Teaching
- Business and entrepreneurship

The Triangle

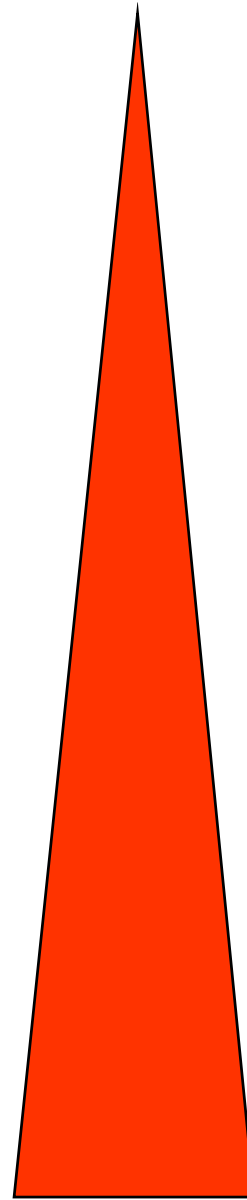


The Iron Triangle



ACCESS

QUALITY



COST

Two types of
learning activities:

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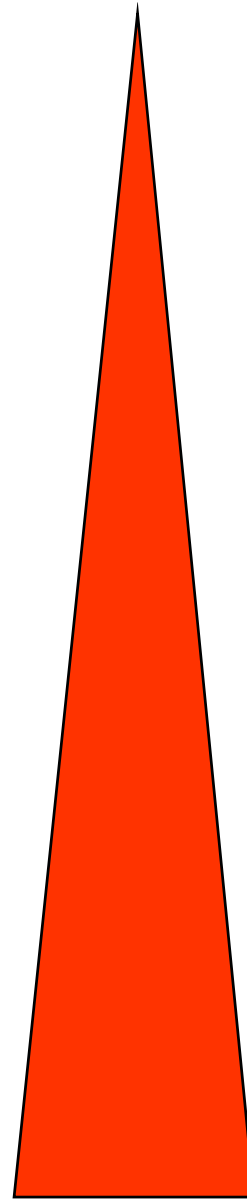
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The success of the

OPEN UNIVERSITIES

Owes much to the economies of
scale of the media for
independent learning

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BRITAIN'S TOP NINE UNIVERSITIES

Quality Rankings of Teaching

based on all subject assessments 1995-2003
(*Sunday Times University Guide 2003*)

1	CAMBRIDGE	96%
2	LOUGHBOROUGH	95%
3=	LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS	88%
3=	YORK	88%
5	<u>THE OPEN UNIVERSITY</u>	87%
6	OXFORD	86%
7	IMPERIAL COLLEGE	82%
8	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON	77%
9	ESSEX	77%

Do not be too
mesmerised by
technologies
that are not
available to you!

Online communication

- Speeds things up
- Resources on the Web
- Collective creations (e.g. Wikipedia and Open Educational Resources)
- Communities of interest
- Inter-school collaboration

AFRICA

can

innovate

too!

Africans can and must
take the lead in
applying ODL and ICTs
to the challenges of
African development.



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Capacity building

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- Senior university managers (Abertay)
- Teacher trainers (Singapore)
- ODL policies and structures (Gambia)
- NOUN and RETRIDAL (Nigeria)

Millennium Development Goals

- Poverty and hunger
- Primary education
- Gender equality
- Health
- Environment
- Partnership

Poverty and hunger

Target (2015):

Halve the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day and those who suffer from hunger





Lifelong Learning for Farmers

- Mobilise the villagers/farmers
- Consortia of information providers
- Media/technology to link the two
(run by local people)
- Commercial banks provide loans
- Reorganise the chain to market

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Health

- Reduce child mortality

By 2015: reduce by $\frac{2}{3}$ the mortality rate for under fives

- Improve maternal health

By 2015: Reduce by $\frac{3}{4}$ the ratio of women dying in childbirth

- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

By 2015: Halt and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS

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(e.g. Health MDGs)

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Media empowerment



Partnership with the WHO



The Gambia

- Peer Health Education
- Locally produced videos
- Village cinema

Teacher Training



NEPAD eSchools Demonstration Project

a multi-country, multi-stakeholder, continental initiative, intended to impart IT skills to young Africans in primary and secondary schools and to use ICTs to improve the provision of education in schools.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Working for a renaissance in
African higher education

GOVERNANCE

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NO!!

*The Collapse of Globalism
and the Reinvention
of the World*

John Ralston Saul



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Thank you!

