Promoting Learning for Sustainable Development

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To help Commonwealth governments and institutions use technologies for human resource development
Leveraging New & Existing Technologies
Results Achieved 2016-17

- 372,600 Learners
- <50% Women
- 635 Curricula
- Development of learning resources
- A++
- DFID
- 102 Institutions adopt COL models and materials
- 280 Partners 42 Countries
Learning for Sustainable Development

ECONOMIC GROWTH

SOCIAL INCLUSION

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Companies established by women at the bottom of the pyramid.
ECONOMIC GROWTH

1% increase in empowerment
2.3% increase in profit
ECONOMIC GROWTH

Raymond Loh: CEMBA Graduate - “…offering moving and relocation services to clients in over 40 countries.”
29,231 girls trained in 5 countries
5,260 girls generate income
SOCIAL INCLUSION

Out-of-school youth in a remote fishing village graduate
Learners experienced increased knowledge in various skills, increased income and food security.
ODL students have 1/10th carbon footprint compared to campus-based students.
Environmental Conservation

Understanding the Blue Economy: Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)
Basics of Ecology and Life Support System

Understanding Sustainable Development

CEE
Centre for Environment Education

Commonwealth of Learning

Green Teacher

Environmental Conservation
COL Highlights
2016-2017
Open Online and Flexible Learning: 
the key to sustainable development
OER for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education: From Commitment to Action

- **Asia**
  - Malaysia

- **Europe**
  - Malta

- **Middle East / North Africa**
  - Qatar

- **Africa**
  - Mauritius

- **Latin America & Caribbean**
  - Brazil

- **Pacific**
  - New Zealand
COL Offers…

World Class Expertise

Innovative Models

Capacity Building

Resources
Thank you for your contributions