

## **Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF10)**

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### **Panel Discussion on Mainstreaming OER in Higher Education Institutions in Nigeria: Country Update**

#### **Organizers:**

Commonwealth of Learning

**Sub Team:** Promoting Equity and Inclusion

#### **Introduction**

With the support of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Education, the National Universities Commission (NUC) of Nigeria, championed in 2017, the development of an Open Educational Resources (OER) Policy for Higher Education in Nigeria. The policy was presented to the global community at the Second World OER Congress in Ljubljana in September 2017. This was subsequently approved for implementation during the Ministerial session of the 63<sup>rd</sup> National Council on Education (NCE) in August 2018. Subsequent to this, Nigeria and COL took concrete steps and collaborated on several activities aimed at mainstreaming OER in higher education institutions in Nigeria.

The panellists will cover the following questions in their brief presentations:

- What is the state of OER mainstreaming in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Nigeria?
- What were the activities and collaborations that enabled OER mainstreaming in Nigeria?
- What was the most practical way employed to ensure the development of OER for persons with disabilities (PwD)

#### **Session Objectives**

Session seeks to:

- provide evidence-based report on activities towards mainstreaming OER in HEIs in Nigeria
- deliberate on emerging issues, challenges and best practices towards mainstreaming OER in HEIs in Nigeria
- Share experiences on the most practical way employed towards development of OERs for persons with disabilities
- provide insight on the way forward as well as practical guidelines for policy implications.

#### **Programme**

*Duration:* 60 minutes

*The session:* There will be four presentations followed by questions and answer from the panel members.

1. Chair (TBD)
2. Introduction by Professor Jane-Frances Agbu, Adviser, Higher Education, COL (5 minutes)
3. Speaker 1: Professor Abubarkar Rasheed, Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Nigeria (Mainstreaming OER in HEIs in Nigeria, the aim and historical insight) (10 minutes)
4. Speaker 2: Mr. Chris Maiyaki, Deputy ES, Administration, NUC (OER in HEIs in Nigeria: current status) (10 minutes)
5. Speaker 3: Professor Francis Egbokhare, Department of Linguistics, University of Ibadan (Developing OERs for persons with disabilities: issues and lessons learned) (10 minutes)
6. Speaker 4: Professor Peter Okebukola, Distinguished Professor of Science and Computer Education (Mainstreaming OER in HEIs in Nigeria: the best practices and way forward) (10 minutes)
7. Question and Answer (15 mins)