



COMMONWEALTH of LEARNING

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR NETWORK ENABLED EDUCATION

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The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) is an intergovernmental organisation created by Commonwealth Heads of Governments

Commonwealth of Learning

- Encourage the development and sharing of open learning/distance education knowledge, resources and technologies

Commonwealth of Learning

- COL's Three-year Plan for 2009-2012 is entitled Learning for Development

Vision of Commonwealth of Learning

- Understanding development as the process of increasing the freedoms that people can enjoy, COL pursues this vision operationally within the framework of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the campaign for Education for All (EFA) and Commonwealth values

Three Year Plan - Education

- Open Schooling
- Teacher Education
- Higher Education
- Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth



Three Year Plan - Livelihoods and Health

- Skills Development
- Learning for Farmers
- Healthy Communities
- eLearning



Cross cutting themes

- Gender Equality
- Quality
- Appropriate Technologies

Five core strategies

- **Partnerships**: Fostering sustainable partnerships and networks in support of these aims
- **Models**: Refining and sharing models for applying teaching and learning technologies to development challenges

Core strategies

- **Policies:** Assisting countries and organisations to develop and implement policies that support technology-mediated learning
- **Capacity:** Facilitating training and organisational development to increase the overall ability of partners to deploy learning systems and technologies effectively
- **Materials:** Working with partners to co-create learning materials and make them widely available

CEMCA, RETRIDOL & SADC-CDE

- Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA)
- West Africa- RETRIDOL (Regional Training and Research Institute for Distance and Open Learning)
- Southern Africa - SADC-CDE (Southern African Development Community Centre for Distance Education)

CEMCA

- Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia COL's regional agency, the Commonwealth Education Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), implements COL's mandate in the eight countries of Commonwealth Asia

- In the Education Sector, working with partnering institutions, CEMCA conducts capacity building and training workshops on development of educational multimedia materials, instructional design and eLearning for teachers and professionals in the open school and open university systems

CEMCA-EASY NOW

- CEMCA has recently developed "Easy Now", an innovative open-source based platform that allows teacher-developers to create multiple ODL deliverables from a single electronic source. This is already being implemented in India, Malaysia, Maldives and Sri Lanka

CEMCA-Quality Assurance in Multimedia

- Development of "Quality Assurance for Multimedia Learning Materials (QAMLM)" programme with partners in India and Malaysia

CEMCA- Community Radio

- CEMCA is also very actively and effectively engaged in the use of mass media for development, particularly community radio

VUSSC

- Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth (VUSSC). Thirty countries are now actively engaged in making the VUSSC a reality

VUSSC

- Focus on creating postsecondary, skills-related courses in areas such as tourism, entrepreneurship, professional development, disaster management and a range of technical and vocational subjects

VUSSC

- Non-proprietary, electronically-held course materials, which can readily be adapted to the specific context of each country, are used in the offering of credit-bearing qualifications in the countries' post-secondary institutions, strengthening their educational capacity and outreach

WikiEducator

- COL's Learning4Content programme has trained 3,000 people in wiki skills for content editing over an 18-month period. More than 85 online and face-to-face workshops have been held around the world since January 2008, drawing participants from 110 countries

WikiEducator

- The Learning4Content workshops are offered at no cost. Participants learn how to use WikiEducator and other wiki technologies to create and publish open educational resources (OERs)

WikiEducator

- About 9,000 educators who are now able to create, use, share and adapt learning content. This will make a huge, long-term contribution to education worldwide

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