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Open and Distance Learning
as a tool for Sustainable
Development in the
Australia-Pacific Region



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Open and Distance Learning and the Developing World

AIMS

- Development
- Learning and development
- ODL, learning and development

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(what kind of ODL?)

Breaking down Boundaries

A conference on the international
experience in open, distance and
flexible education

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Development ~ Learning

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- learning to be
- learning to know
- learning to do
- learning to live together

Development ~ Learning

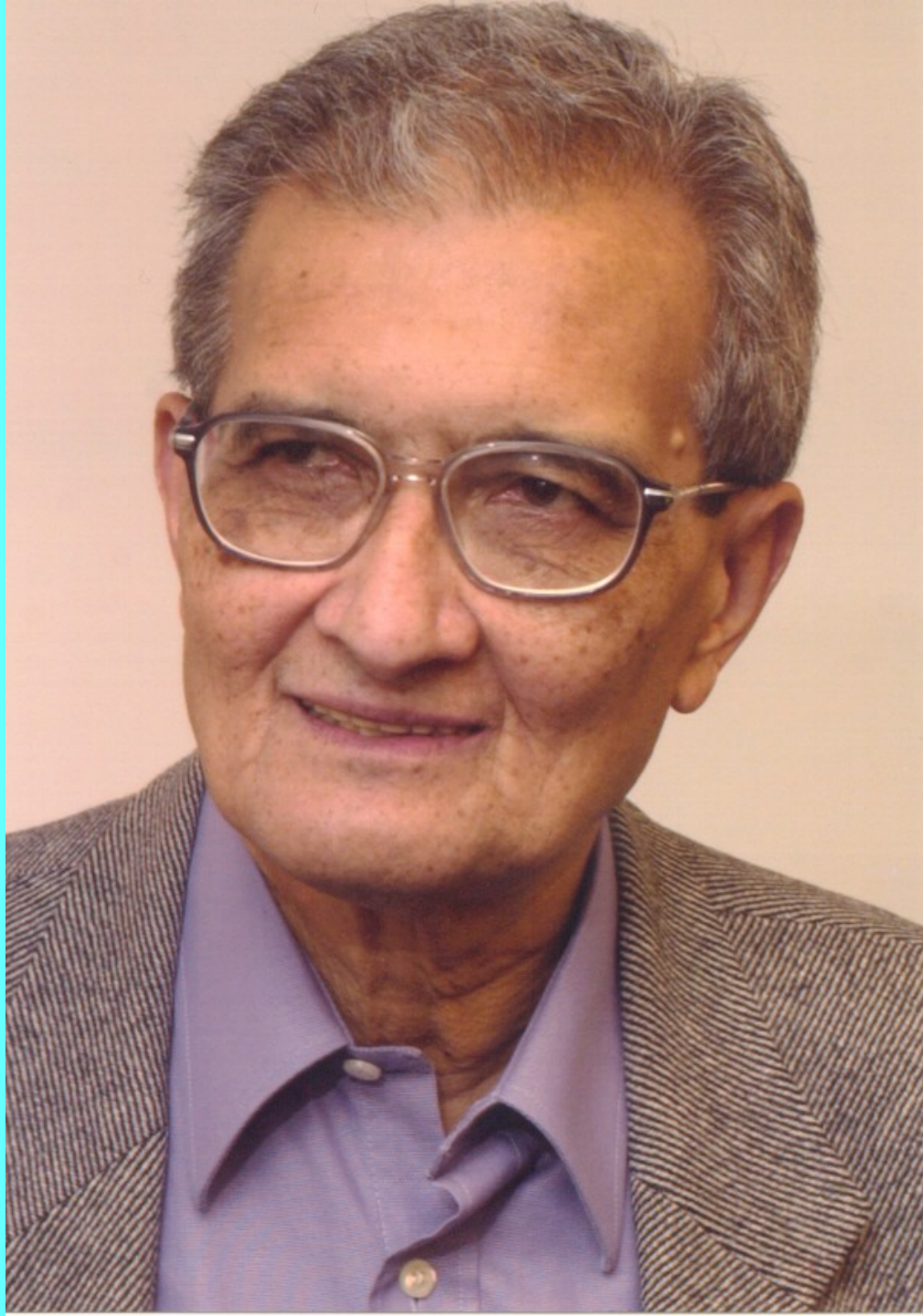
learning is a
NECESSARY

but not a

SUFFICIENT

condition for development

DEVELOPMENT



DEVELOPMENT

AS

FREEDOM

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FREEDOM

IS THE

MEASURE

AND THE

MEANS

FREEDOM

IS THE

PRIMARY END

AND THE

PRINCIPAL MEANS

FREEDOM FROM:

Hunger

&

Poverty

Poverty and hunger

Target (2015):

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

COL's contribution to the MDGs

Fighting hunger and sustaining a liveable environment means empowering millions of farmers and smallholders and giving rural people more control over their lives.

Lifelong learning for farmers



Lifelong Learning for Farmers

4 Principles:

- Mobilise the farmers
- Consortia of information sources
- Use technology
- Involve banks and commerce

FREEDOM FOR:

Education

&

Training

Primary education

Target (2015)

Ensure that all boys and girls complete primary school

COL's contribution to the MDGs

The bottleneck to achieving primary education and gender parity is the training and retraining of millions of teachers. Success at primary level will create huge pressure at secondary level.

Teacher Training



PARITY OF:

Gender

Gender parity

Target (2005)

Eliminate gender disparities in primary and secondary education

Gender parity

Target (2015)

Eliminate gender disparities at all levels of education

Women and ICTs



Gender Resources



www.colfinder.org/dev

FREEDOM FROM:

Disease

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

COL's contribution to the MDGs

To improve the health of mothers and children and arrest the spread of disease, ordinary people want information that connects with their lives.

MEDIA EMPOWERMENT



Partnership with the WHO

COL works in partnership:

- Partnership with the WHO
- Partnership with NGOs

FREEDOM FROM:

Pollution

Environment

-Environmental sustainability

Integrate principles of SD into policy

By 2015:

Reduce by $\frac{1}{2}$ those without safe water

Improve lives of > 100 million in slums

COL focuses on Education for Sustainable Development



Global Partnership

- * Good governance
- * Small States, Youth & Technology



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for Small States of the
Commonwealth



Learning & Living WITH Technology

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THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS



THE COMMONWEALTH



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Democracy



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Governance

DEVELOPMENT
THROUGH THE
FREE AGENCY
OF PEOPLE

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DEVELOPMENT

THAT IS

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- ENVIRONMENTALLY

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- CONTINUING

Culture
of
maintenance



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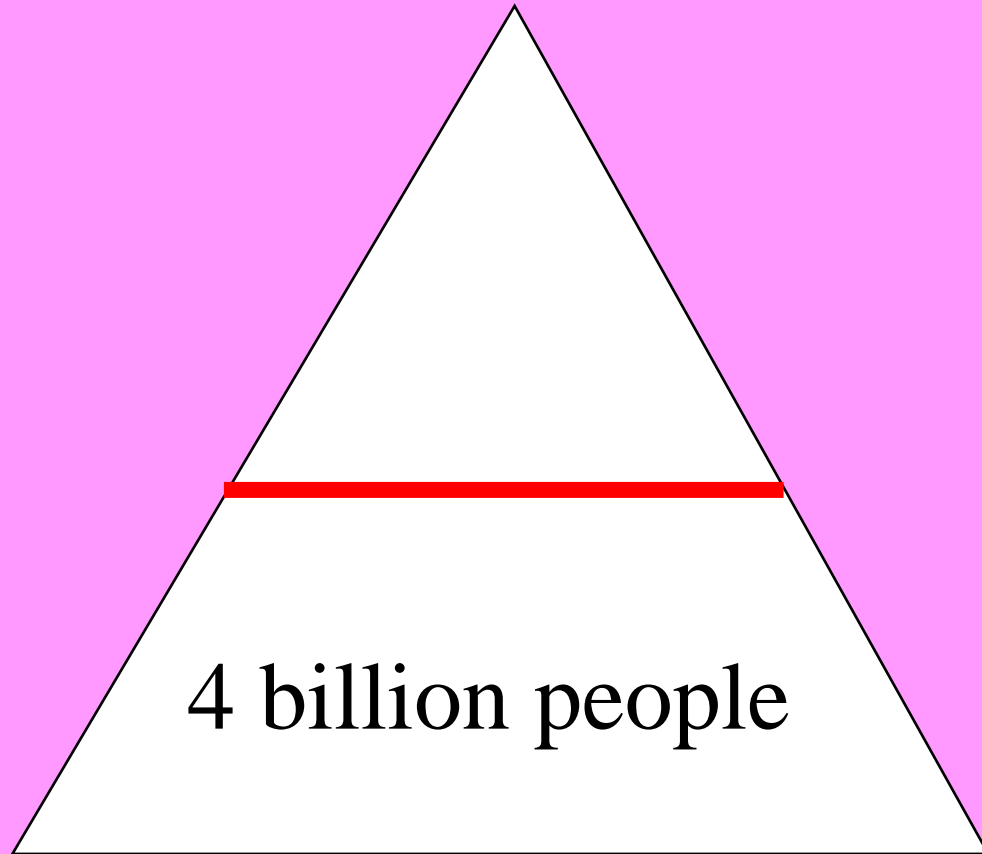
DEVELOPMENT

THAT IS

SELF-REPLICATING

Learning
for
adaptability

THE BOTTOM OF THE PYRAMID



TECHNOLOGY

addresses

SCOPE

and

SCALE



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Technology-mediated learning



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open and distance learning



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integrate technology...



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catalyst for collaboration

Open education resources

- learning management systems
- learning object repositories

CONNECTIVITY

+

OPEN EDUCATIONAL
RESOURCES

COL (1987)

“...any learner anywhere in the Commonwealth shall be able to study any distance teaching programme available from any bona fide college or university in the Commonwealth”.

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Learning

is our

Common Wealth