Can ICT support human resource development?
Drawing on our Common Wealth

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WHAT IS IT FOR?

To help Commonwealth governments and institutions use various technologies to improve and expand learning for development
ICT can play a role

- Mobile telephones
- Community radios
- TV
- Internet
It's not just about ICT

- Connectivity
- Content
- Culture
- Economic and financial viability
But about ‘appropriate’ use of ICT

the belief that there is a technological silver bullet that can “solve” illiteracy, ill health or economic failure reflects scant understanding of real poverty.

(HDR UNDP, 2011:iii)
Distance Learning can

- Enhance access and equity by reducing costs
- Improve quality
- Reach the unreached
Costs in Distance Learning

- Korea (KNOU): annual cost/student $186 as compared to $2880 in a campus university

- Thailand (STOU): studies show cost/learner is $226 compared to $876 for conventional learning

Open and Distance learning in the developing world – Perraton (2000)
The Open University

UK Quality Assured
Commonwealth Executive Master of Business Administration
Commonwealth Executive Master of Public Administration

GOAL:
- Specialized high quality professional programmes in management and public administration through distance education.

FEATURES:
- flexibility
- cost-effectiveness
- academic freedom
- flexible format
- flexible media
- international

AIMS:
To supplement existing MEGAW programme currently offered in the Commonwealth to meet the needs for management and public administration education in the programme area.

EXIT POINTS:

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE
consists of four components:

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Some Courses

- CEMPA
  - Public Policy
  - Development Planning and Administration
  - Policy Analysis and Implementation
  - Contemporary Administrative Systems
  - Disaster Management
Technologies used

- Print
- Audio
- Video
- Teleconferencing
- elearning
Partners

- Bangladesh Open University
- Open University of Sri Lanka
- Allama Iqbal Open University, Pakistan
- National Open University of Nigeria
- University College of the Caribbean, Jamaica
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
- Wawasan Open University, Malaysia
- Open University of Mauritius
Legislative Drafting

- Introduction
- Instructions and compliance
- Structuring legislation
- Drafting project
Technologies used

- Print
- CDROM
- online
Partner institutions

- USP, Vanuatu Campus
- Athabasca University, Canada
- National Open University of Nigeria
- Indira Gandhi National Open University
- University of Derby, UK
Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth
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Disaster management
Business &
Entrepreneurship
How COL can support you

- Adapt materials for your specific needs
- Help to deploy appropriate technology
- Build human resource capacity