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OPEN LEARNING FOR DEVELOPMENT: TOWARDS EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMATION

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COL Vision

Access to Learning is the Key to Development

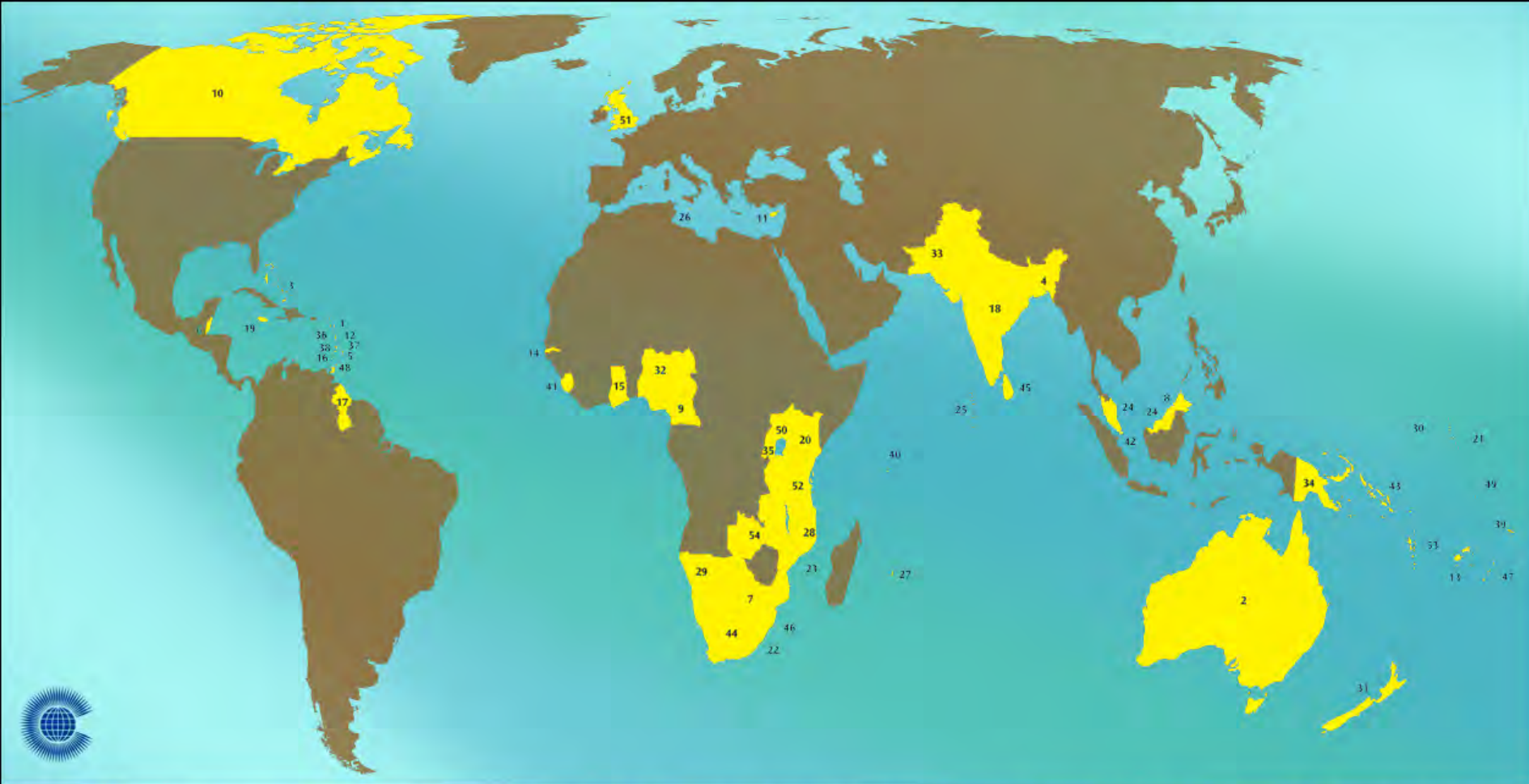
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1987 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), Vancouver, Canada

The Commonwealth



THE COMMONWEALTH COMPRISES 54 DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

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The Road to Abuja

- PCF 1 – Brunei Darussalam
- PCF 2 – Durban, RSA
- PCF 3 – Dunedin, New Zealand
- PCF 4 – Ocho Rios, Jamaica
- PCF 5 – London, UK
- PCF 6 – Kochi, India



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Open Learning for Development: Towards Empowerment and Transformation



Abuja, Nigeria



UN Millennium Development Goals

Keep the promise
Millennium Development Goals



Education for All (The Dakar Goals)



Peace
Democracy
Equality
Good governance

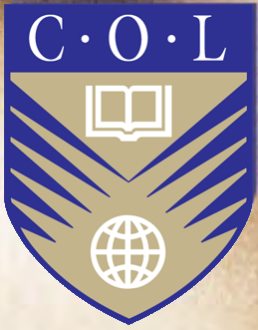
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African women's decade

- Theme:
Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE): A bottom up approach





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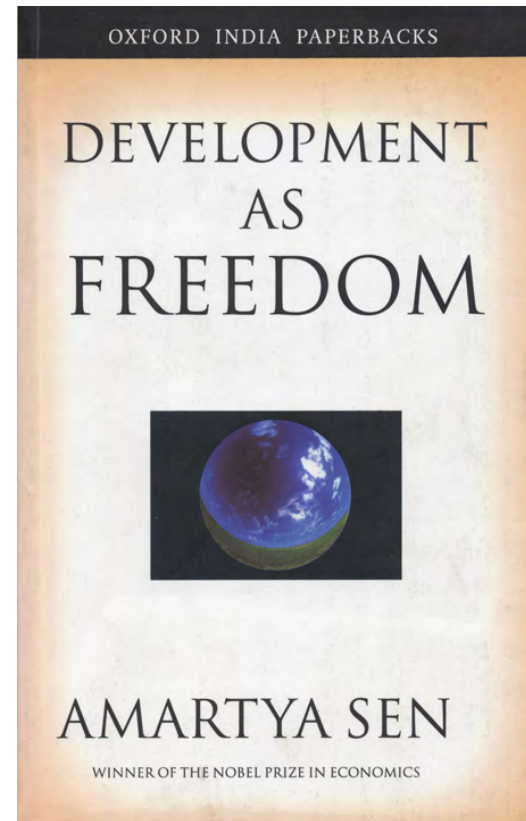
Learning for Development

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Learning for Development

- Development:
 - as freedom
- Freedom:
 - ‘to be and to do’

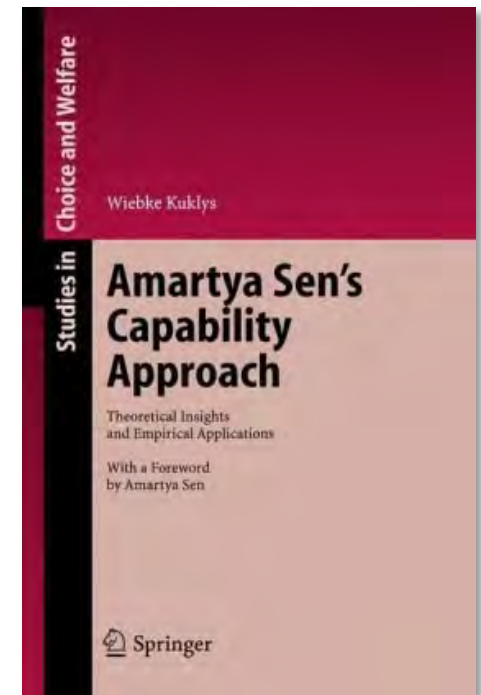


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Capability approach: A. Sen

- From outputs to outcomes
- From capacity to capability
- From skills or 'functionings' to the ability of exercise freedom



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Learning develops Capability for

- Personal autonomy/independence of thought
- Paid Work
- Social relations/identity

Walker, 2006

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Towards empowerment & transformation

- Increase the freedom of choices
- Expand assets and capabilities
- Promote learning which encourages critical thinking; respect and understanding

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How can ODL & ICT help?

- Accelerate progress towards achieving MDGs & EFA Goals
- Enhance access and equity by reducing costs
- Improve quality
- Reach the unreached

EDUCATION FOR ALL
(THE DAKAR GOALS)



WE CAN
END POVERTY
2015
MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS



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Open Learning for Development: Towards Empowerment and Transformation

5 sub-themes

- Girls' and Women's Education
- Skills Development
- Promoting Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Innovation and Technology
- Institutional Development

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Girls' and Women's Education

- 31 million girls are still out of school around the world



Ms. Frances J. Ferreira
Theme Leader



Dr. Christine Ofulue
Theme Leader

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics Education Database
<http://stats.uis.unesco.org>

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Skills Development

Youth Unemployment

- 1.2 billion youth in the world aged between 15 and 24
- 40% unemployed



Dr. Alison Mead Richardson
Theme Leader



Dr. Caroline Seelig
Theme Leader

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Promoting Open Educational Resources (OER)

- OER is poised to influence mainstream education
 - 40 percent of K-12 educators in the U.S. are using OER to supplement their core materials.
 - Open textbooks
 - OER policies in 4 Commonwealth Countries



Mr. John Lesperance
Theme Leader



Prof. Mba O. Okoronkwo, OON
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Innovation and Technology

- The Maturing of MOOCs
- The rise of mobile devices
- Learner analytics



Dr. K. Balasubramanian
Theme Leader



Dr. George Ubachs
Theme Leader

Classroom without walls

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Institutional Development

- The crisis of Quality,
- Leadership and
- Governance



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Our task over the next four days

- Role of ODL & ICT in support of development
- Innovations for social inclusion and impact
- How learning can lead to empowerment
- The link between empowerment & transformation



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