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*Materials Development for
Quality Assurance in Higher Education*

A WORKSHOP

Commonwealth of Learning



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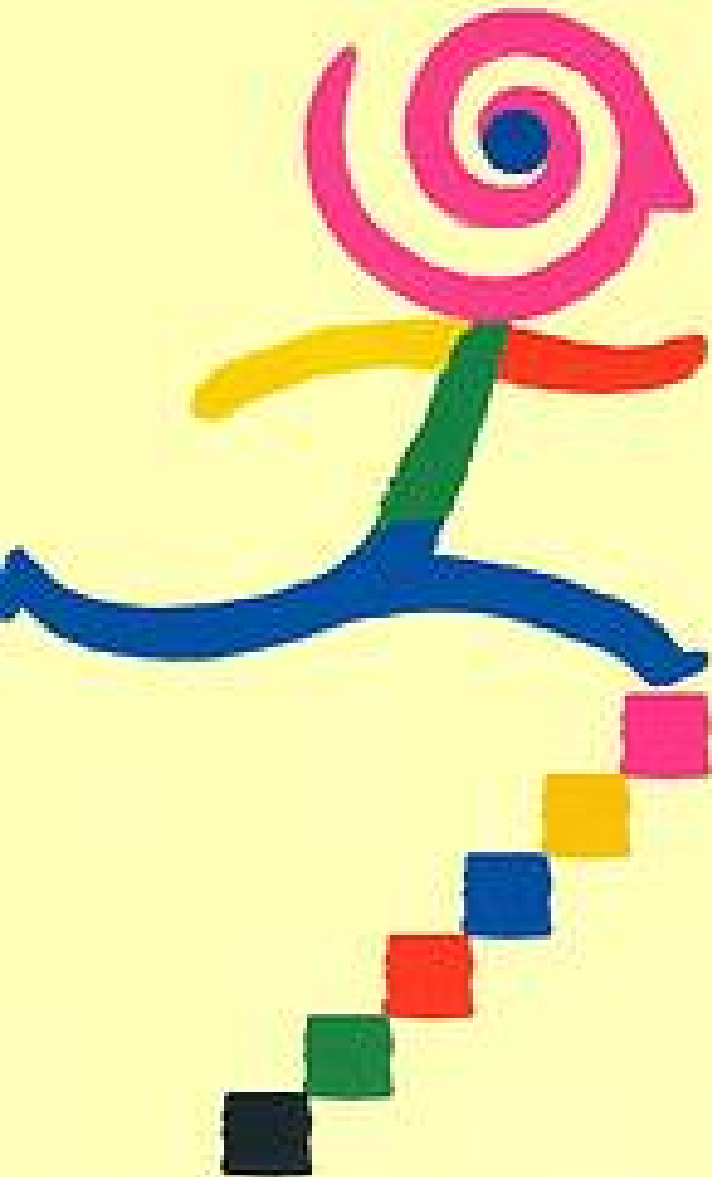
UN Millennium Development Goals

Keep the promise
Millennium Development Goals



Ensure that all boys
and girls complete a
full course of primary
schooling

Education for All by 2015
An international commitment



The Dakar Goals

The Challenge of Quantity

- 15 – 30 million teachers
(5 million in Africa)
- APRs in Higher Education from
< 10% to > 40%
= tens of millions of students

The Challenge of Quality

DEVELOPMENT

IS

FREEDOM

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IS THE

MEASURE

AND THE

MEANS

The Challenge of Quantity and Quality

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NOT

Either / Or

BUT

Both / And



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***Higher Education, Teacher Education, Distance Education:
What is Quality and Who says so?***

Quality:

Fitness for purpose
at minimum cost
to society



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Values, purposes, goals:

- Contribution to National Development
- Fostering Global Competencies among
Students
- Inculcating a Value-System in Students
- Promoting the Use of Technology
- Quest for Excellence



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- STUDENT SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

-Organisation and Management

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- ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

NAAC's Seven Steps to **QUALITY**

Quest for excellence

Understanding the concept

Action-orientation

Learner-centric approach

Innovation for change

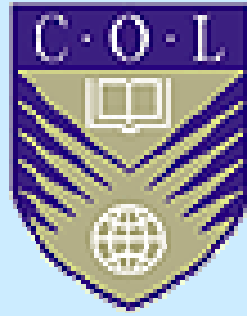
Training to build competencies

Year-round activity

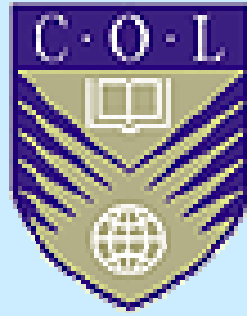
“there are common
criteria for quality that
are widely applicable”

The UNESCO-OECD Guidelines on Cross-Border Higher Education

- Importance of national authority
- Providers and Students share responsibility
- Address all stakeholders

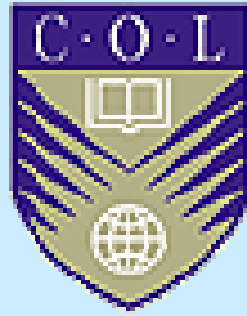


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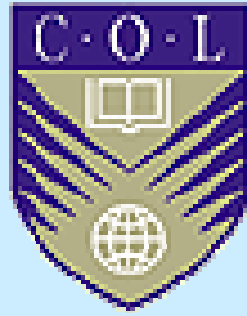
- Analysis of processes under different quality criteria and aspects
- Initial identification of indicators
- Editing and development of descriptors and attributes
- Final list of 75 indicators covering six Key Areas and 24 Quality Aspects
- Towards Pan-Commonwealth QI Package



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INDICATOR 15

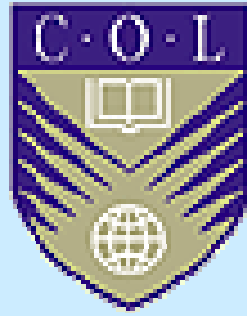
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Operational Definition

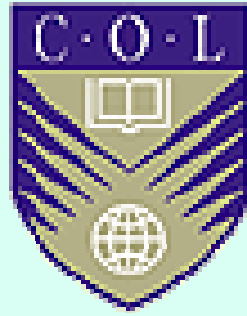
The teacher educators employ interactive and participatory approach in the teaching of theory and foundational courses. Explanations and Justifications are developed with the help of students and not ‘taught’ to them.



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Importance of the Indicator

Learning is a process of construction of knowledge and not one of receiving it from a person who knows. A learner finds it difficult to retain a content that does not integrate meaningfully with his knowledge base. Interactive and Participatory approach provides scope for removing the conceptual difficulties and misconceptions of students and creating a feeling of responsibility in learning.



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Quality Assurance of Delivery Modes

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- = Open Distance Learning
Blended Learning

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(*** and top in a 2005 survey of student satisfaction)

Cultures
and
Structures
for Quality

Structure of Quality

“the essence of distance education is to divide the experience of the learner into its component parts”

Culture

of

Quality

Culture of Quality

- Idealism
- Teamwork
- Participative governance



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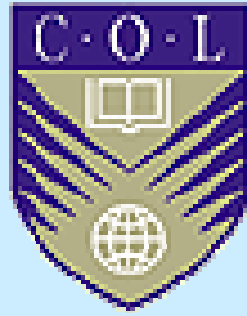
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the

private, for-profit sector”

“all quality assurance or
quality control in higher
education must, in the
end, emanate from
government”

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Questions

- By whose authority?
- How independent?

“all provision should be
put within the same
basic QA framework”



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