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The Commonwealth

COVID19:COL Response

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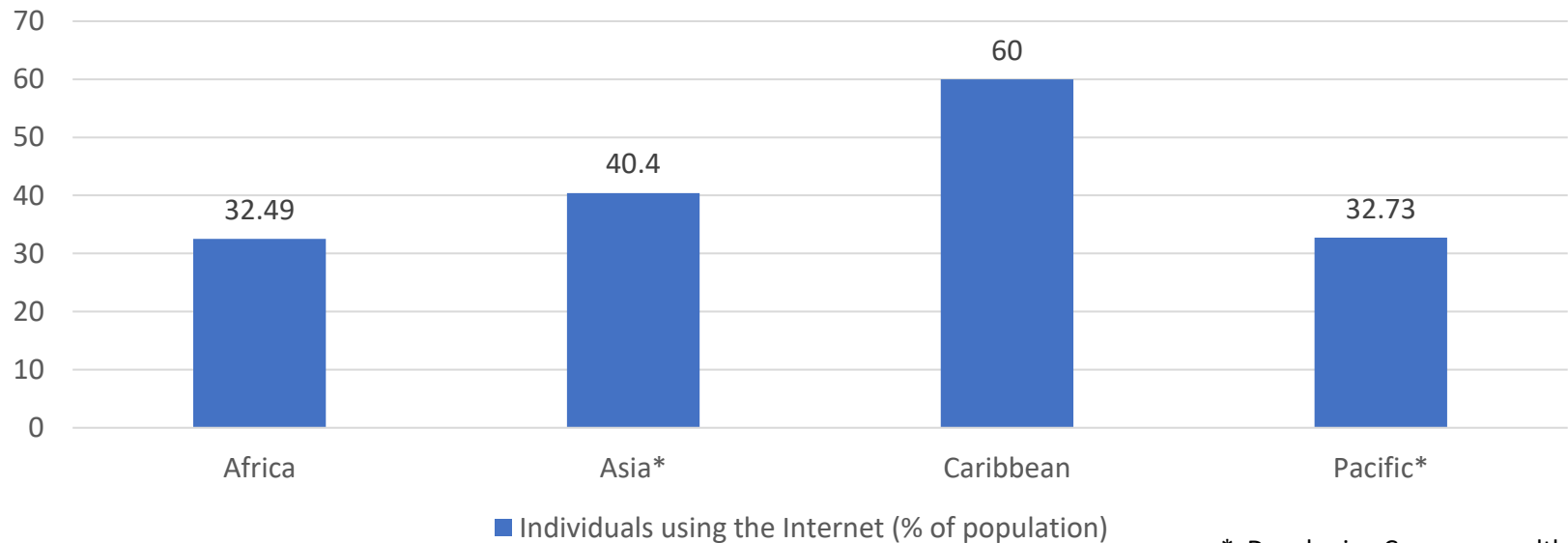
>1.2 billion globally
574 million: Commonwealth

(Update 15 May 2020)



Internet Connectivity in the Commonwealth Countries

Individuals using the Internet (% of population)



* Developing Commonwealth countries

Source: compiled with data from [World Bank Open Data](https://data.worldbank.org/), retrieved on 14 May 2020.





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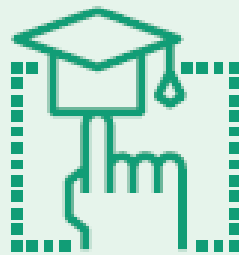
Helping Commonwealth governments and institutions use distance learning and technologies to expand access to education and training

Open Universities Still Open



27

Universities



2,497

Programmes



18,342

Courses



4,464,751

Students



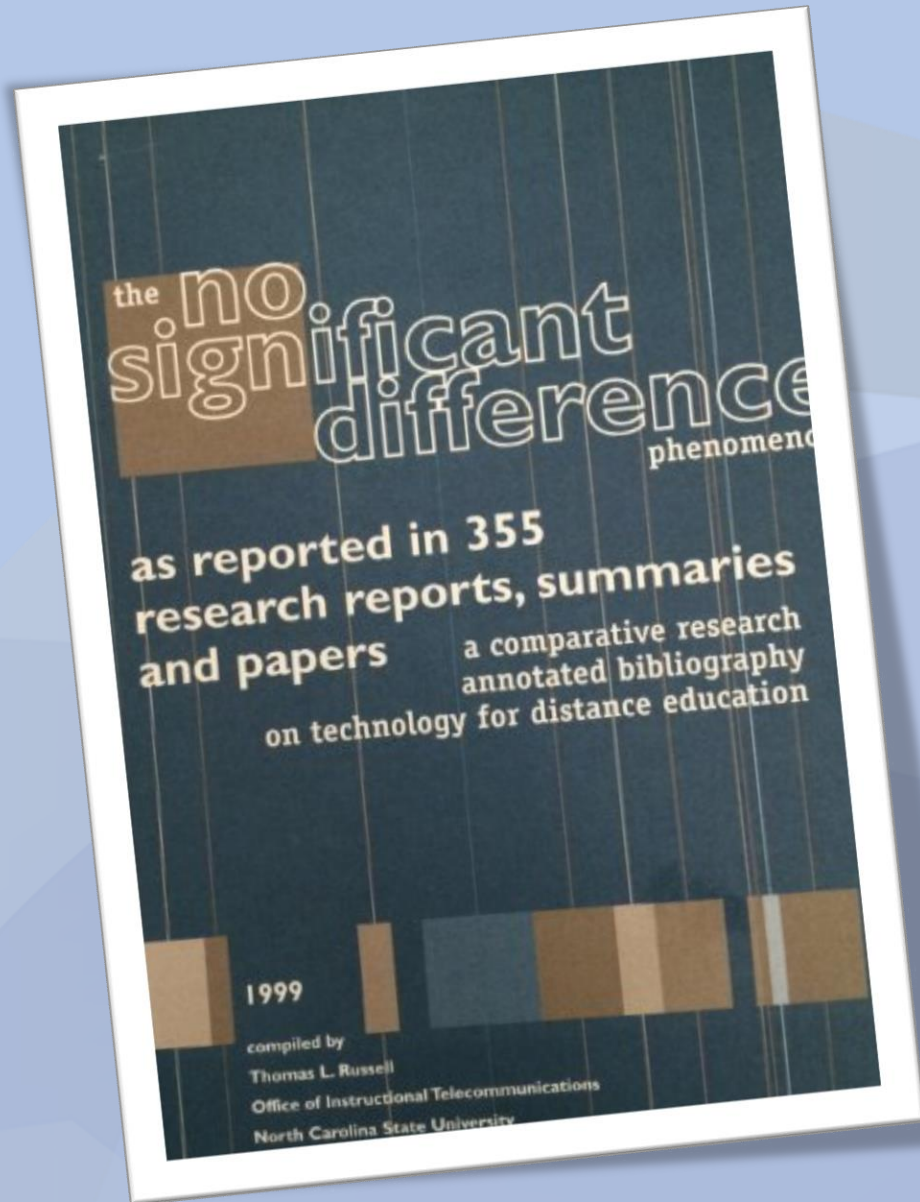
1.3 million in service teachers
trained online





*If the learner
cannot go to
school,
the school comes
to the learner*

“I left school in year 5 when I got married at the age of 12. I am now 22 and have 3 children. I went back to school so that I could help my children with their schoolwork.”



the **no**
significant
difference
phenomenon

as reported in 355
research reports, summaries
and papers
a comparative research
annotated bibliography
on technology for distance education

1999

compiled by
Thomas L. Russell
Office of Instructional Telecommunications
North Carolina State University





**DE students have one-third
carbon footprint compared to
campus-based students**

CommonwealthWiseWomen (CWW)

The impacts of globalisation, technological advancement, climate change and now COVID-19 challenge organisations to find ways to contribute to sustainable leadership, while working towards gender equality. One strategy to build a foundation for successful leadership is to engage young women and girls at an early age or stage in their career and create networking opportunities through mentoring. Studies have shown that a good mentoring program can help young women and girls become successful in their field of interest as well as excel in leadership. (STEMconnector, 2019)

[ABOUT CWW](#)

CommonwealthWiseWomen.org





India
0.56%



South Africa
1%



MOOC

Introduction to
**Technology-
Enabled
Learning**
5 April - 9 May

<http://www.telmooc.ca/>

MOOC

**Blended
Learning
Practice**
19 April - 16 May

<https://www.blpmooc.org/>



agMOOCs



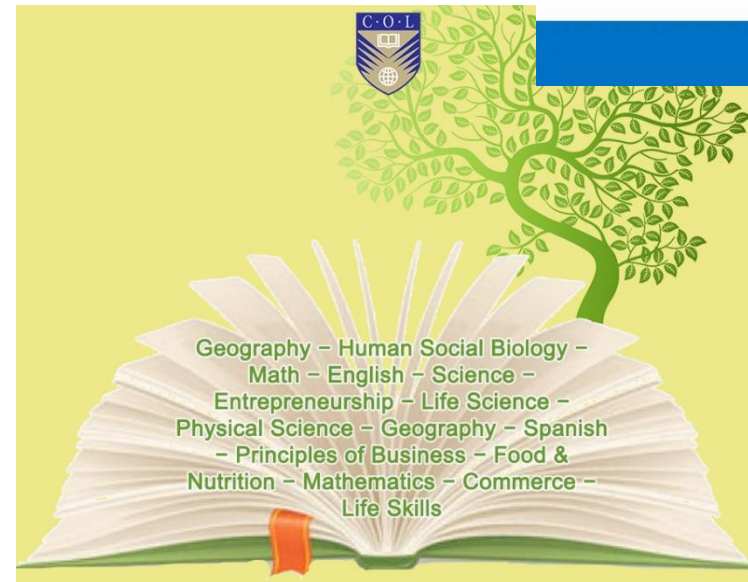
MOOC4D

Open Educational Resources (OER)



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Impact of Open
Textbook Adoption at
Antigua State College



International Partnership of Distance and Online Learning for COVID-19

The unprecedented developments due to COVID-19 have led to the closure of educational institutions around the world. UNESCO estimates that about 80% of the world's student population is unable to attend classes and is required to stay at home. Particularly vulnerable are those learners in developing countries who may not have access to electricity, devices or connectivity to follow online lessons which are being provided in many developed countries and urban contexts.

<https://opendoor.col.org/>

50+

- Intergovernmental organisations
- Universities and educational institutions
- Associations and networks



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coursera

WORKFORCE

Recovery Programme





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**Guidelines on
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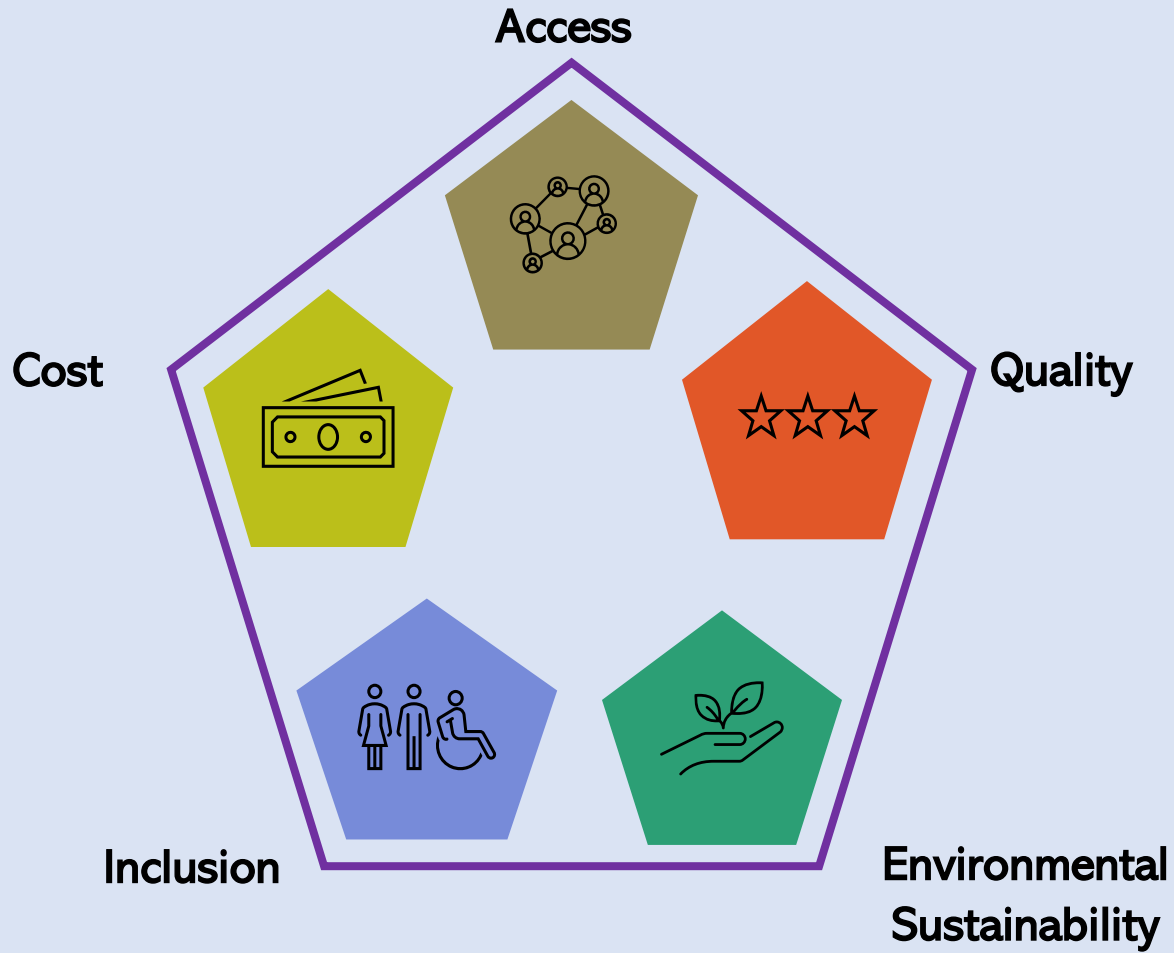
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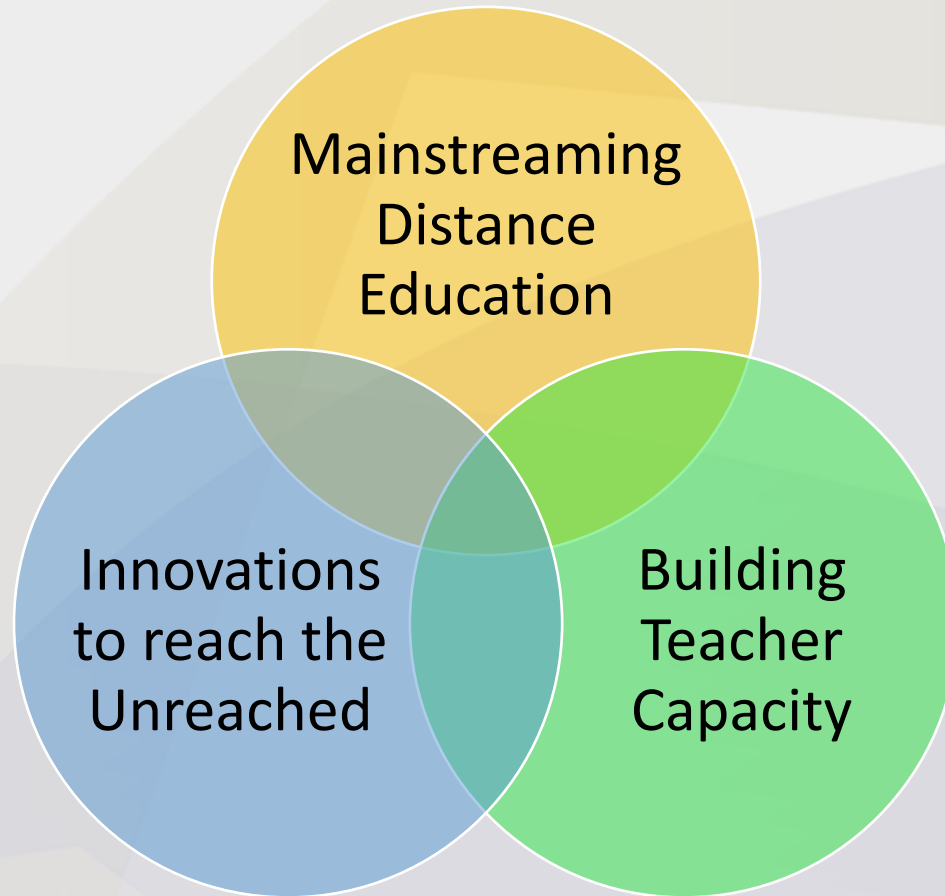
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Dr **TONY BATES**

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