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Connecting the Commonwealth with Online Learning

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The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) was established as an intergovernmental organisation by the Commonwealth Heads of Government



What is it for?

To help Commonwealth governments and institutions use appropriate, affordable technologies to improve and expand learning for development



Learning for Sustainable Development



Economic
Growth



Social
Inclusion



Environmental
Conservation

Skills, Speed, Scale



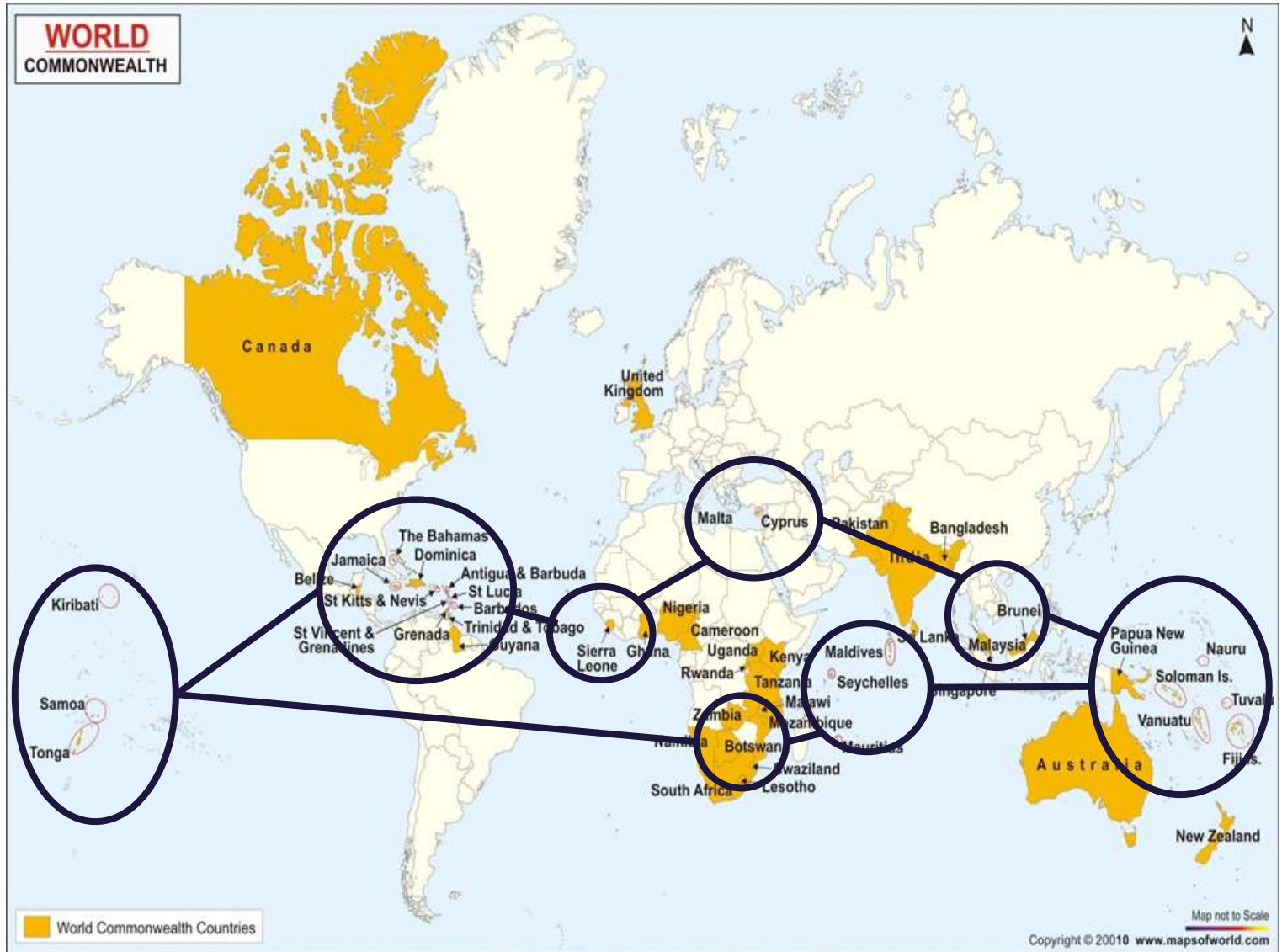
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Can the phenomenal growth in ICTs help?



Connecting the Commonwealth



10 institutions in 8 countries

- National University of Samoa 
- University of the West Indies (Open Campus) 
- Botswana College of Distance and Open Learning 
- Barbados Community College 
- University of Seychelles 
- Seychelles Tourism Academy 
- Villa College Maldives 
- Open University of Mauritius 
- Mauritius Institute of Training 
- Antigua State College 

Commonwealth Executive MBA/MPA

Higher Education



*11 countries across the
Commonwealth with a total
enrolment of over 27,000 since 2002.*

Increasing food security



Every \$1 invested in learning, resulted in \$9 worth of income and assets.

L3F in Tanzania



3,300 women learnt through mobile phones, radio and TV and started agri- enterprises during 2014-15 in Tanzania

MOOCs for Development



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Lessons

- Sound educational policies must be accompanied by enabling policies in trade industry agriculture to translate skills into livelihoods
- Facilitate the ‘domestication’ of technologies
- Blended approach leads to better learning outcomes



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