



The Commonwealth

Commonwealth of Learning

Promoting Learning for Sustainable Development

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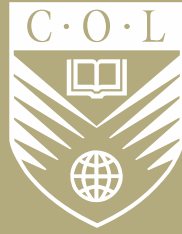
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18 May 2022





Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
Vancouver, 1987



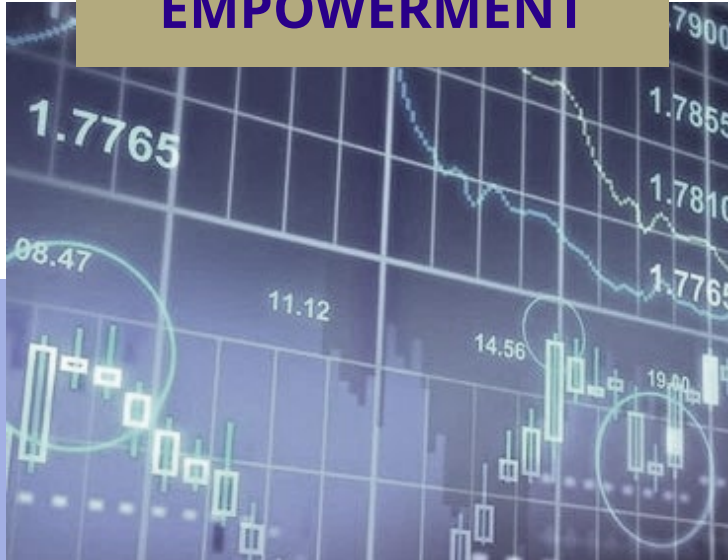


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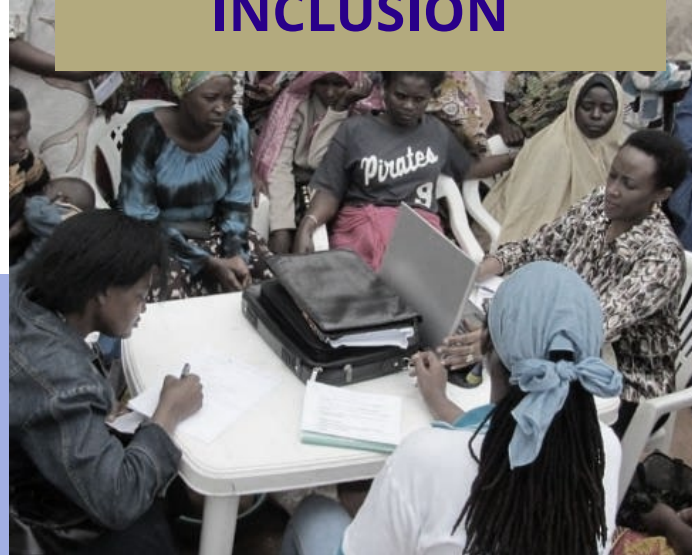


To help Commonwealth governments and institutions
use technologies to improve and expand access to
education and training

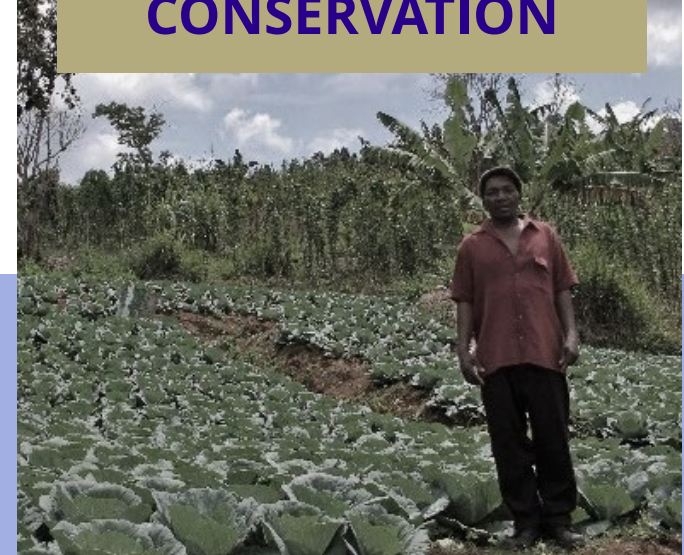
**ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT**



**SOCIAL
INCLUSION**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION**



learning for sustainable development



PROGRAMME SECTORS

Education

Skills

Gender Equality



Leveraging new and existing technologies



Rethinking education
for innovation, growth,
sustainability



The image is a composite of two photographs. The left side shows a person in a red shirt standing on a beach looking out at the ocean. The right side shows a person in a white shirt and hat pulling a net in the water. A large green semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid on the right side, containing the word 'SUSTAINABILITY' in bold black text.

SUSTAINABILITY

CANADA
Athabasca University

CYPRUS
Open University of Cyprus

UNITED KINGDOM
The Open University

33 Commonwealth Open Universities

(2021)

BOTSWANA
Botswana Open University
MAURITIUS
Open University Mauritius
NIGERIA
National Open University of Nigeria
SOUTH AFRICA
University of South Africa
TANZANIA
Open University of Tanzania
ZAMBIA
Zambian Open University

BANGLADESH
Bangladesh Open University

INDIA
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University
Indira Gandhi National Open University
Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University
Karnataka State Open University
Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University
Madhya Pradesh Bhoj University
Nalanda Open University
Netaji Subhas Open University
Odisha State Open University
Pandit Sundarlal Sharma (Open) University
Sreenarayanaguru Open University
Tamil Nadu Open University
Uttarakhand Open University
Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University
Vardhman Mahaveer Open University
Venkateshwara Open University (Private)
Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University

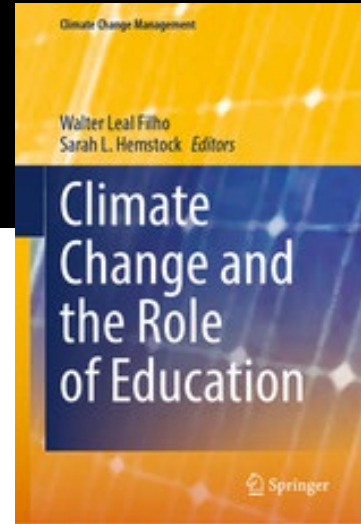
MALAYSIA
Open University Malaysia
Wawasan Open University

PAKISTAN
Allama Iqbal Open University

SRI LANKA
Open University of Sri Lanka

NEW ZEALAND
Open Polytechnic of New Zealand

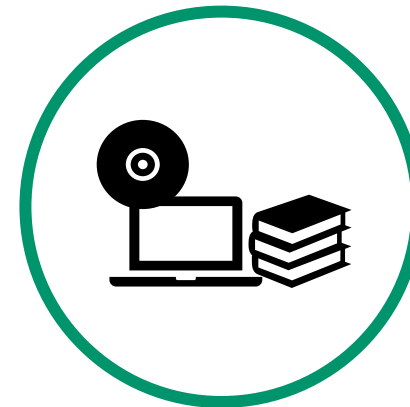
Research on Emissions and ODL



3x less carbon emissions



Travel – greatest contributor



Mode of delivery - determinant

COL supports a Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth (VUSSC) to strengthen existing tertiary institutions. All 32 small states are members and collaborate on course development and delivery.

Worked with the University of Seychelles to offer MOOCs on the Blue Economy and all resources developed are available to VUSSC members.



THE BLUE ECONOMY: Sustainability, Innovation and our Ocean

FREE MOOC



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VUSSC

Green learning agenda

A new
green
learning
agenda

Skills for green jobs

Skills aimed at fulfilling the requirements of green jobs and supporting the transition to a low-carbon green economy

Green life skills

Cross-cutting skills that serve both technical, instrumental, and adaptive, transformative ends

Skills for a green transformation

Adaptive skills aimed at transforming unjust social and economic structures





GROWTH





Economic growth: Skilling and re-skilling

COL admitted over **151,133 citizens** of the Commonwealth to gain skills to regain employment, with **more than 42,000 of them completed**

**COL-Coursera
Workforce Recovery
Programme**

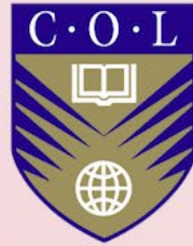




Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



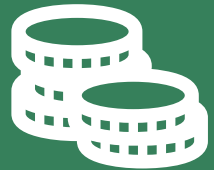
Government of Canada
Gouvernement du Canada



GiRLS Inspire

Empowering Women





Graduates saw on average an increase of **38%** in monthly income



For every **\$1** invested, learners received **\$3.40** in direct returns

Benefits: Commonwealth Executive MBA/MPA



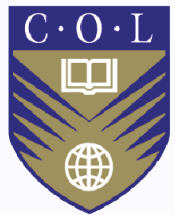
Lifelong Learning for Farmers (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda)

1% increase in empowerment 2.3% increase in profit





INNOVATION



AptusPi

AN ENABLER OF MOBILE LEARNING



A **low-cost device** that allows educators and learners to **connect to digital learning** platforms and content **without the need for grid electricity or Internet access.**

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA



BAHAMAS, THE



FIJI



INDIA



KIRIBATI



MALDIVES



MOZAMBIQUE



NIGERIA



PAKISTAN



SAMOA



TONGA



VANUATU



ZAMBIA



MobiMOOC- Online learning - Food and Agriculture sector underserved.
COL's innovation helps farmers access learning using basic phones

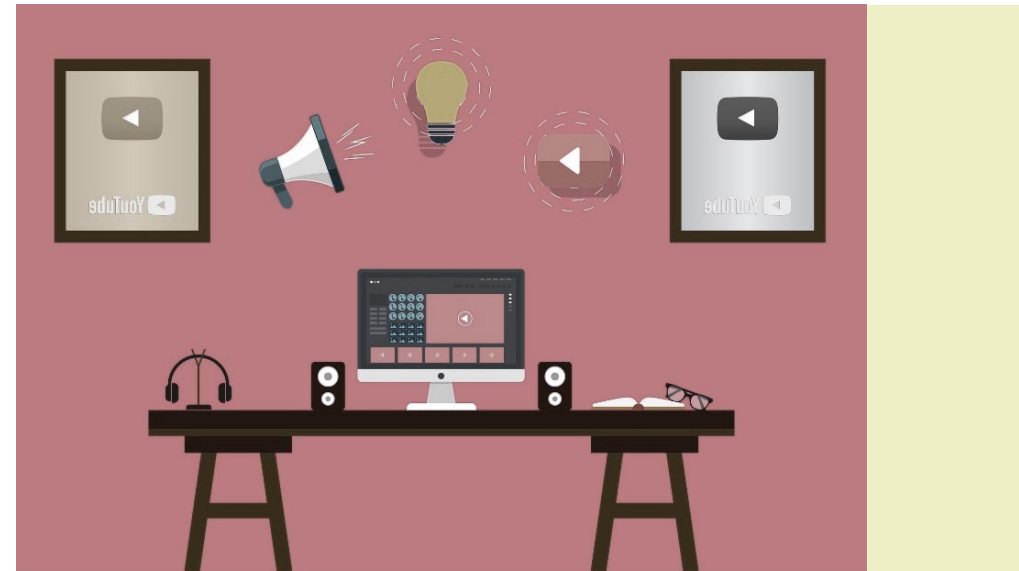


Virtual Labs



ICT Augmentation for Small States/LDCs

- Addressing ICT resources and capacities
- Build national resilience for education by supporting disaster preparedness in small states
- Introduce and model the use of environmentally sustainable green technologies



@35 COL offers



**World Class
Expertise**



Innovative Models



Capacity Building



Resources



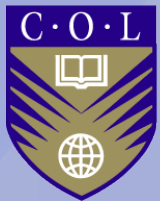
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Innovations for Educational Resilience

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Thank you



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