

Welcome to PCF11: Video Greeting from COL President



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Welcome message for the Eleventh Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF11)

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Hi there,

I'm Professor Peter Scott, President and CEO of the Commonwealth of Learning.

Welcome to the kick-off of the Eleventh Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning.

COL, in partnership with the Ministry of Higher Education and its implementing agency, Botswana Open University, is co-hosting the Eleventh Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF11) from September 10th to the 12th, 2025, at the Gaborone International Convention Centre in Botswana.

The theme for PCF 11 is 'Innovative Open Education: Fostering Resilient Societies for Sustainable Economic Development.'

The Forum occurs every three years and is one of the world's leading international open and distance learning conferences.

Via the Pan-Commonwealth Forum, we provide an opportunity for the open, online and flexible learning community to meet, to share knowledge, and to identify important trends and explore applications of open and distance learning.

We will consider: widening access, bridging the digital divide and advancing the social and economic development of communities and countries.

The event is particularly important for policymakers, practitioners and researchers from developing countries.

And, to ensure PCF11 is accessible to as many delegates as possible, this will be a hybrid event.

You really should come to Botswana, but if you cannot, then please join us online.

We are really looking forward to meeting with you in September in Gaborone, where ministers, delegates, and attendees will have the unique opportunity to experience Botswana's rich cultural heritage and natural beauty and to shine a bright light on learning innovation.

See you soon.