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PROMOTING LEARNING
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



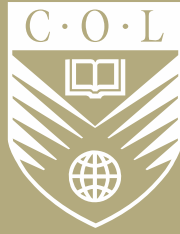
Professor Asha Kanwar
COL President & CEO

Commonwealth Secretariat Annual Meeting
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17 May, 2023





Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
Vancouver, 1987

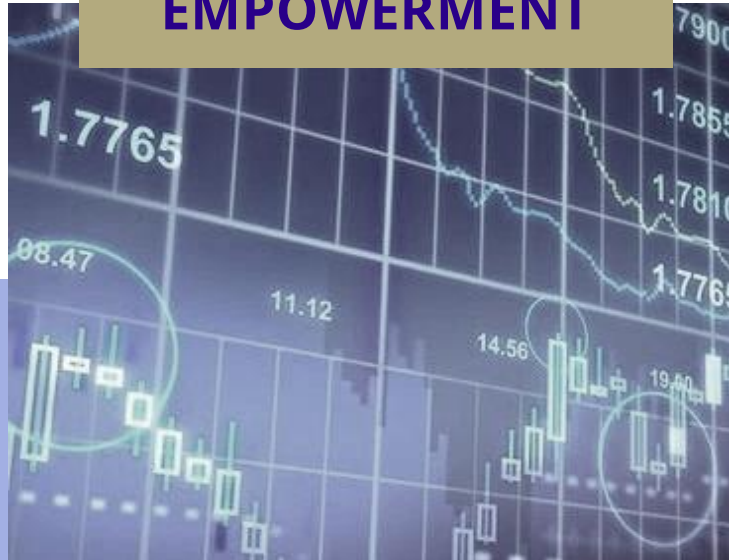


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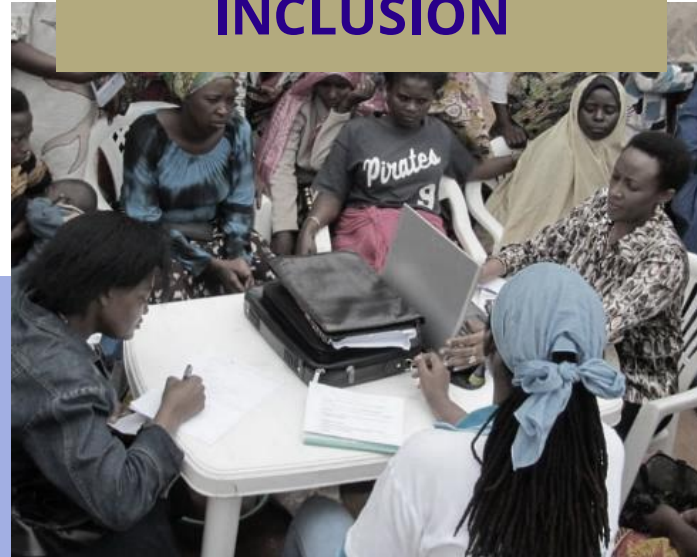


To help Commonwealth governments and institutions
use technologies to improve and expand access to
education and training

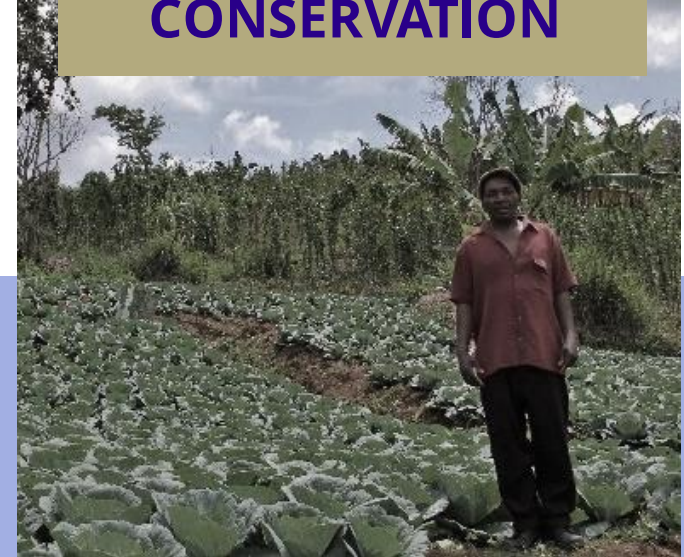
**ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT**



**SOCIAL
INCLUSION**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION**



learning for sustainable development



PROGRAMME SECTORS

Education

Skills

Gender Equality



Leveraging new and existing technologies





Building National Resilience

National Policy Development

**National Open
Educational
Resources Policy,
Mauritius**



MAURITIUS

**ICT in Education
and Training
Policy, Seychelles**



SEYCHELLES

**Open and Distance
Learning Policy for
Tertiary Education
Institutions,
Sierra Leone**



SIERRA LEONE



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FIJI



KIRIBATI



NAURU



PAPUA NEW GUINEA



SAMOA



SOLOMON ISLANDS



TONGA



TUVALU



VANUATU



TONGA



COL deploys
Aptus in
cyclone-hit
Tonga



DOMINICA

Dominica launches online
platform to boost disaster
preparedness with COL's support





SEYCHELLES

Dr Justin Valentin
Minister of Education, Seychelles

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‘COL is an invaluable partner...
Seychelles has gained a high
income status, and whilst
almost all international
organisations have disengaged
their support, COL is still with
Seychelles because of its
conviction that small states of
the Commonwealth need
continuous support.’



Strengthening Institutions

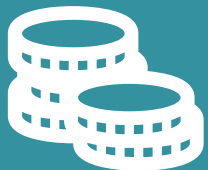
Virtual Universities for Small States of the Commonwealth

VUSSC





Commonwealth Executive MBA/MPA



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

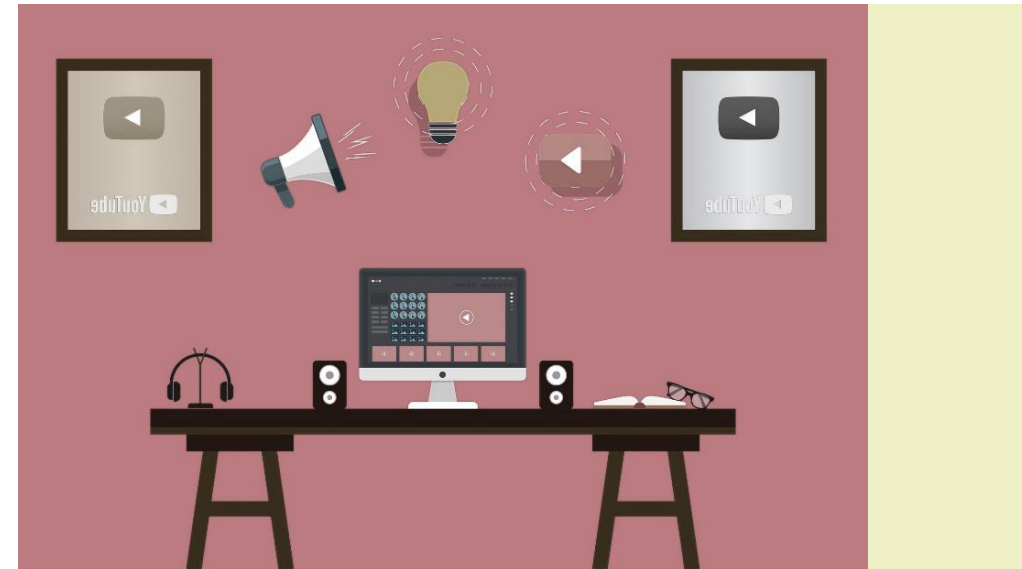


For every **\$1** invested, learners received **\$3.40** in direct returns



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





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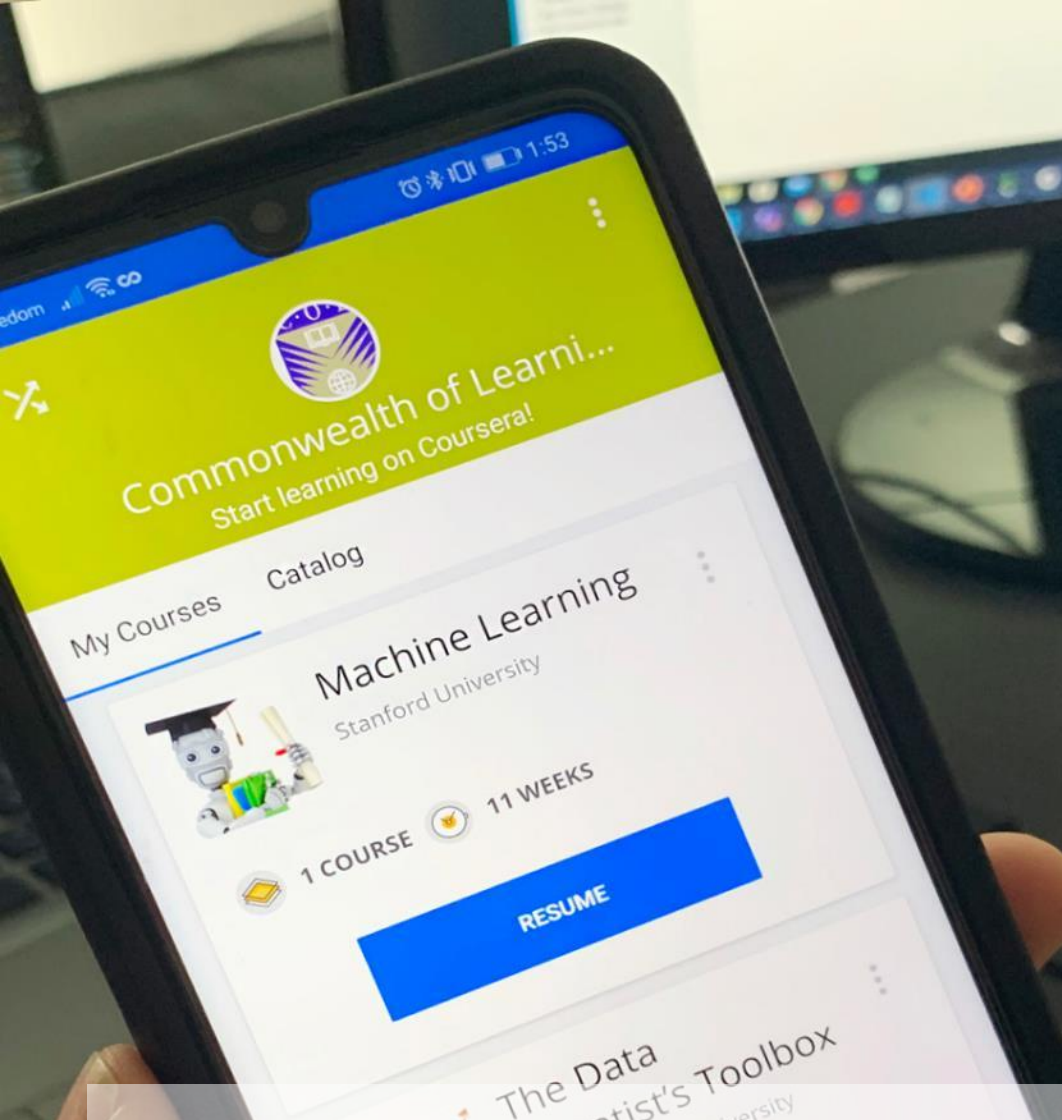
More than material contributions, associational pride, prestige and learning are significant contributions to all institutions engaged with COL



Professor V.S. Prasad
former Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open
University



Improving lives and livelihoods



Skilling and re-skilling

COL has admitted over

350,742 citizens

of the Commonwealth to gain skills for employability and entrepreneurship

coursera

Grow with **Google**

udemy





Lifelong Learning for Farmers (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda):
1% increase in empowerment 2.3% increase in profit



GIRLS Inspire

126,895 trained



BANGLADESH | KENYA | MALAWI | MOZAMBIQUE | NAMIBIA | PAKISTAN | PAPUA NEW GUINEA | SOLOMON ISLANDS | SRI LANKA | UGANDA



"My customer base and revenues have increased and I have regained confidence. I am giving back to my community by training youth, women and people with disabilities equipping them with digital literacy skills because these skills help us change our life for the better."

Martine Benemariya, Rwanda



Artificial Intelligence and Education



- **student**-focused AIED
- **teacher**-focused AIED
- **institution**-focused AIED

ChatGPT

Even with AI,
the world will still need...

**Blue collar
skills**



**Skills relating
to empathy**



**Skills with
Creativity and
Innovation**





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Transforming Education for Climate Action:


REPORT TO
COMMONWEALTH
MINISTERS OF
EDUCATION





14 to 16 September 2022

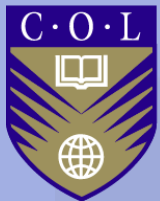


A portrait of Sir Shridath Ramphal, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a light-colored suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

*‘Learning for Sustainable Development’
is one of the higher purposes toward which the
Commonwealth can reach. As the world itself
strives toward... ‘a new social contract’, ‘a new
global deal’, COL’s mandate and vision are ever
more important. I have elsewhere described the
Commonwealth of Learning as ‘a jewel in the
crown of the Commonwealth’.
We need to keep it ever exceptional.’*

Sir Shridath Ramphal GCMG AC ONZ OE OCC QC
Secretary General Commonwealth 1975-1990

Thank you



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