Sharing our Common Wealth

COMMONWEALTH *of* LEARNING

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To help Commonwealth governments and institutions use various technologies to improve and expand education, training and learning in support of development

Learning for Development

The Commonwealth

Open Educational Resources

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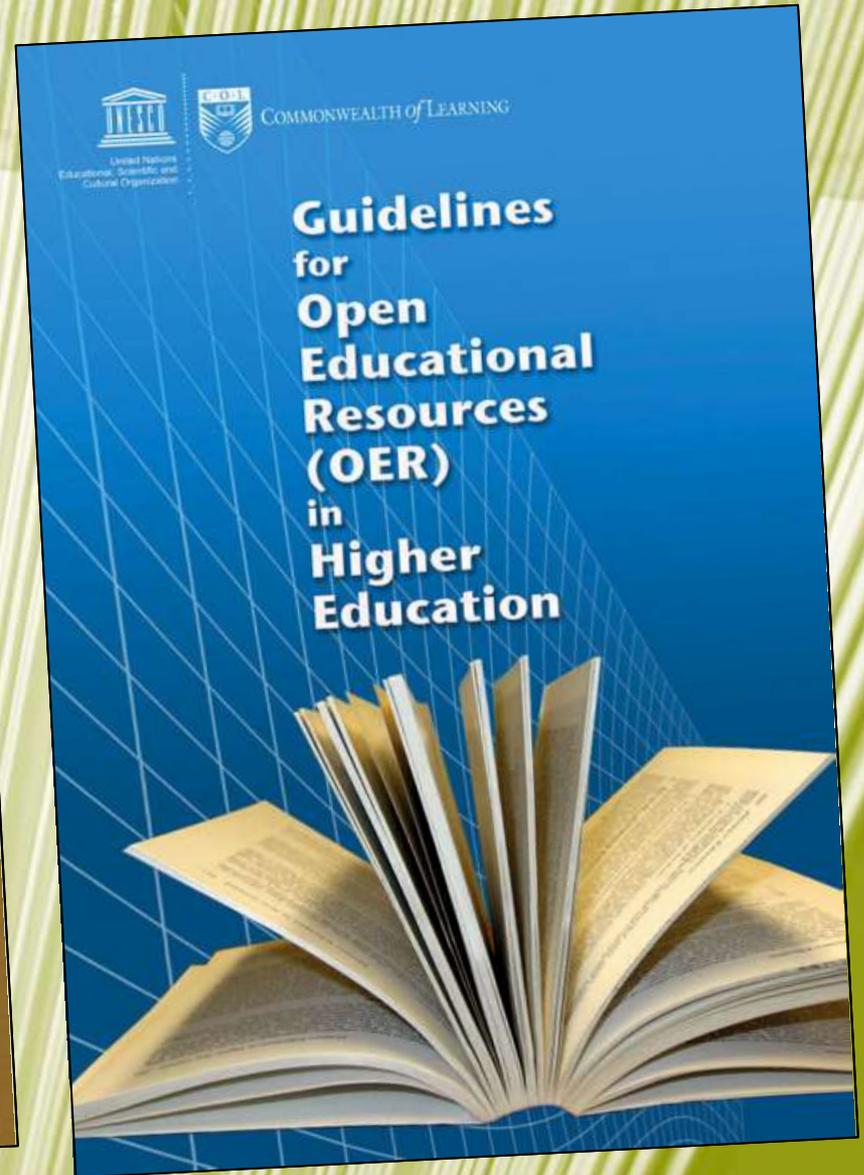
UNESCO-COL Memorandum of Understanding

**Federico Mayor
Director General,
UNESCO (1987-1999)**

**Gajaraj Dhanarajan
President, COL (1995-2004)**

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A Basic Guide to Open Educational Resources (OER)

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Guidelines for Open Educational Resources (OER) in Higher Education

Towards a Knowledge Commons

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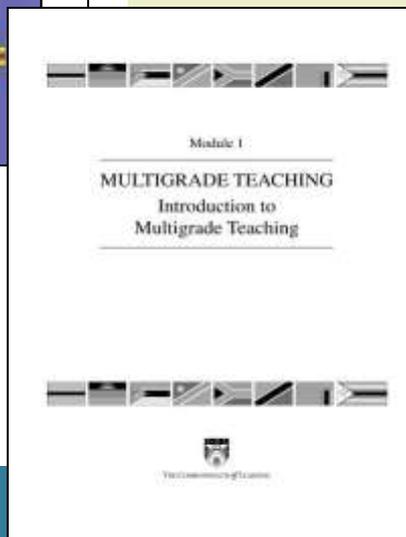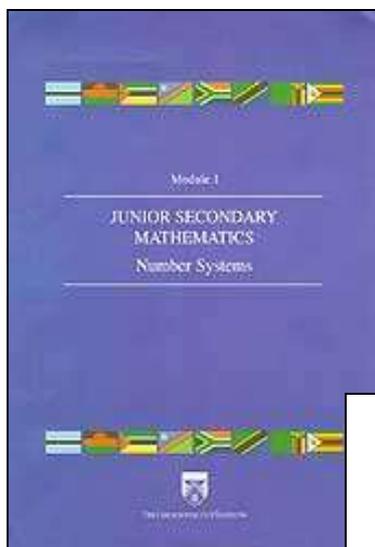LEARNING FOR DEVELOPMENT

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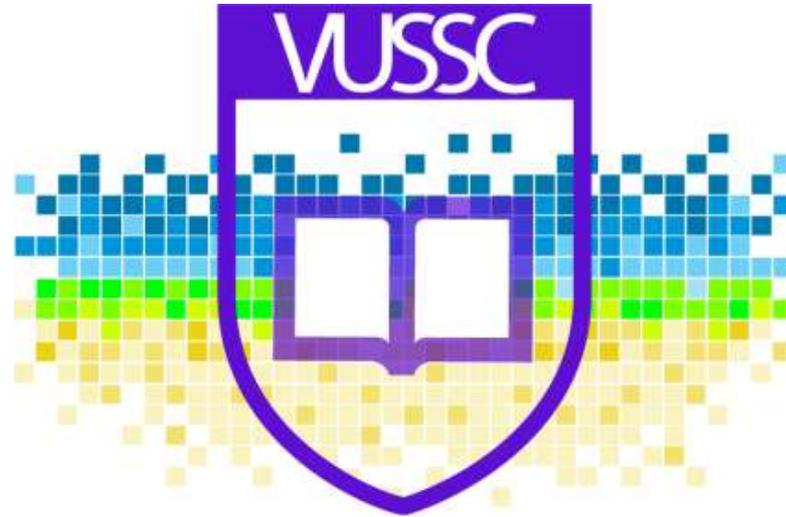**Knowledge is the common wealth of humankind**

Collaborative Development of Learning Materials

COL & Hewlett Foundation

20 sets of self-instructional materials in the senior secondary curriculum

(each is a complete syllabus for one grade 10 or 12 subject)

The Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth *of* Learning

"…any learner anywhere in the Commonwealth shall be able to study any distance teaching programme available from any bona fide college or university in the Commonwealth".

From the Briggs Report, 1987:

'Towards a Commonwealth of Learning'

Encourage the production, adaptation, and re-use
of
Open Educational Resources

People's Movement

People have a say in the development of these ideas and meanings because they are able to participate in their creation, growth, and spread.
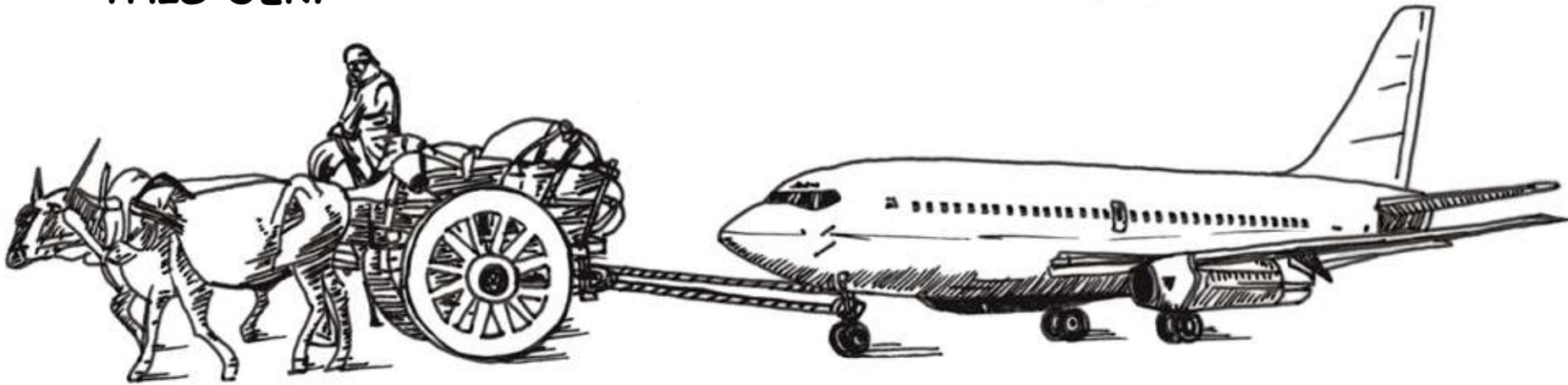
the network society....
is a major source of the
structuration of power
relationships.

\- Manuel Castells

Can Open Educational Resources thrive in closed educational settings?

WHAT IS
THIS OER?

Reaching the fundamental players: OER for whom?

- **Teachers** and **students** in remote/marginalised communities
- How can they become partners in the OER movement?
- What advocacy strategies will be needed to do that?

From consumers to producers of knowledge

- Industrialised ➡ developing countries
- Dominant ➡ indigenous languages
- Teachers ➡ students

How can this flow become multi-directional?

Tapping Tacit knowledge

THANK YOU

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