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The Commonwealth of Learning in Africa

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COMMONWEALTH of LEARNING



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PURPOSE

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



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WHAT IS IT?

- Intergovernmental
- CHOGM 1987 - Vancouver
- Voluntary \$\$\$ Commonwealth countries



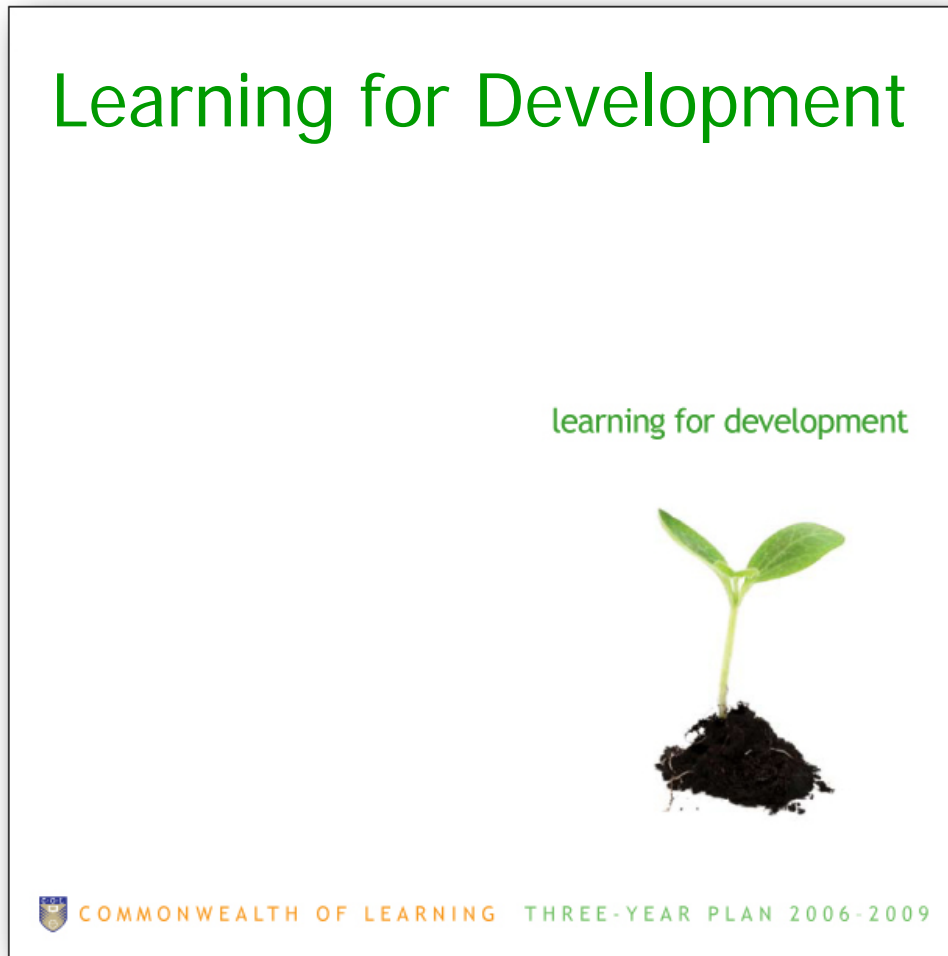
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WHO IS IT?

- Commonwealth-wide Board
- 40 staff in Vancouver and New Delhi
- Networks across Commonwealth
- Country focal points



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Three-year Plan 2006-09



UN Millennium Development Goals

Keep the promise
Millennium Development Goals



Education for All (The Dakar Goals)



Peace
Democracy
Equality
Good governance

EDUCATION

**LEARNING FOR
LIVELIHOODS**

**HUMAN
ENVIRONMENT**

Policy

Systems

Models

Materials

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WHY DISTANCE LEARNING?

- Economies of scale
- Geographical reach
- Flexible and cost-effective





Generation Next

Learning and Skills for
Livelihoods

Rural and Peri-Urban
Community Development

National/International
Community Development

Virtual University for Small States
of the Commonwealth

Transnational Programmes

LEARNING FOR LIVELIHOODS

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Training the Teachers and Trainers

1. Diploma course: Jamaica >> Ghana
2. Policy for learning technologies:
in Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Zambia
3. Hairdressing, Beauty therapy
in Botswana, Namibia, Tanzania
4. Community Health Nursing
in West Africa

LEARNING FOR LIVELIHOODS

Training Course Developers

1. Basic skills courses to distance learning formats:

Ghana, Gambia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone

2. Framework for Recognition of Prior Learning:

Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa, Ghana, Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya

COL's contribution to the MDGs

Fighting hunger and sustaining a liveable environment means empowering millions of farmers and smallholders and giving rural people more control over their lives.

Lifelong learning for farmers



Lifelong Learning for Farmers



The challenge of development must be tackled in the rural areas.



LEARNING FOR LIVELIHOODS

A paradigm shift in the way
agricultural education is
conducted...

Open Agricultural Educational Resources:

Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone,
Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia

Gender and Development

Health, Welfare and
Community Development

Environmental Education

Good Governance

Educational use of Mass
Media and ICTs

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

MEDIA EMPOWERMENT



Partnership with the WHO



Media empowerment



Village cinema

Health MDGs

Achievements

Regions

- Asia
 - Sri Lanka - Saravodaya
 - India - TNAU
- Africa
 - The Gambia – NSGA
 - Sierra Leone – NSSLP
 - Swaziland – TASC
 - South Africa – Valley Trust
 - Tanzania – CSSC
- Pacific
 - Solomon Islands – SIDT
 - PNG – Anglicare STOPAIDS
 - Kiribati – Kiribati Video
- Caribbean
 - Barbados – CARE
 - Guyana – GPPA





Community Radio

Quality Assurance

Teacher Development

Open Schooling

Higher Education

eLearning for Education
Sector Development

EDUCATION



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**REPORT OF THE VISITATION PANEL
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA**



**Institutional Trial Quality Audit
of the University of South Africa**

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of south africa

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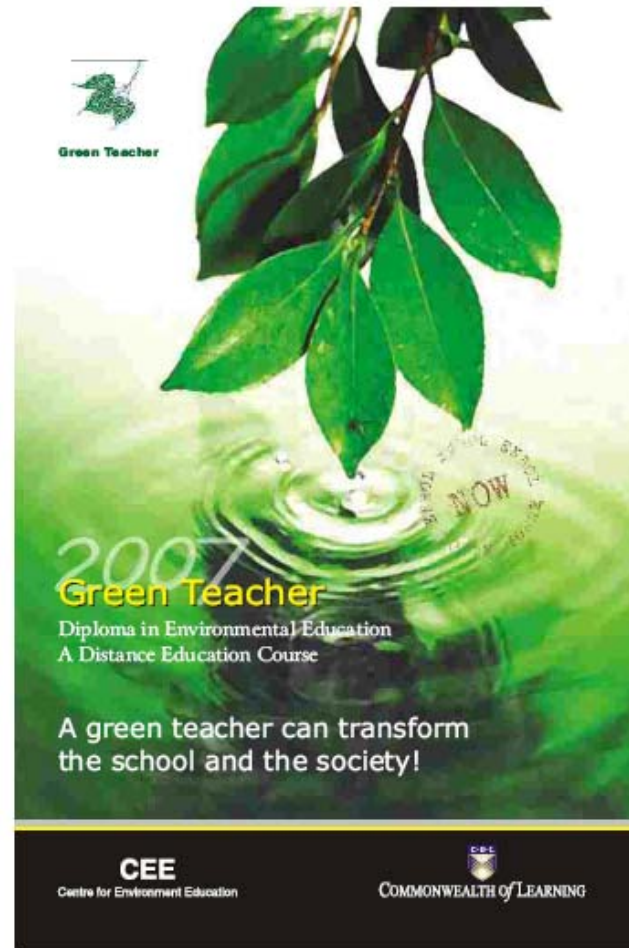


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Africa needs millions of new teachers

Green Teacher



India >>>Nigeria



Open Schooling

Open Schooling – How?

- Self-instructional materials
- Local personal support at Study Centres
- State/NGO partnerships
- Operate at scale using technology



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Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



Atelier – Maurice - Août 2006





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Learning is the key to
development



THANK YOU