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Thank you

Singapore
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Joining forces to support

the Small States
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Seychelles
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Planning Meetings

“Boot camps”
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Course development workshops ("Boot camps")

- Tourism & Entrepreneurship
- Professional Development of Educators
- Life Skills
- Disaster Management
- Fisheries
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Course development workshops ("Boot camps")

Results:

- eLearning materials
- IT skills
- Cross-cultural ties
“negotiated collaborative contents”
... a linking structure ... to help build human capacity and strengthen countries
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What do **YOU** want it to become?
‘The vision that emerged for a virtual university serving small states was one of a consortium of institutions, enabled by appropriate ICT applications, working together in practical ways to plan programmes, develop the required content and ensure the delivery of those programmes and support services to learners.’
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‘Providing accreditation systems to develop quality standards and ensure that they are met’.
How are we doing?

Plan: $20 million (5 years)
Fact: $ 2 million (5 years)
Thank you to…

- The Hewlett Foundation
- The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation
- The Government of Singapore
- Participating governments
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“SHOE STRING”
“BOOT STRAP”
Key players

INTERLOCUTORS
(government)
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INTERLOCUTORS
(government)

IMPLEMENTERS
(institutions)
Participation in VUSSC events

3 Planning Meetings, 1 TQF meeting

Total attendance: 132
(of which 59% from Government)

5 Course Development Workshops
(Boot Camps)

Total attendance: 87
(of which 71% from Institutions)
## Overall Participation in Meetings

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“...the ability to put electronic learning materials in a repository, but more importantly the know-how to get them out again and into the hands and minds of students”
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Will

NOT

become

a

UNIVERSITY
Now it is an informal network of ministries of education and public tertiary institutions supported by
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Time to move from an informal network of ministries of education to a

CONSORTIUM OF INSTITUTIONS

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ICT Capacity Building
(International Training & Material Development Workshops: 2005-2010)

Institutions create online programmes
(International online training on implementing eLearning; peer support processes: 2008-2012)

Institutions that have online programmes

TQF Meeting

TQF & Portal

TQF work party
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Curriculum Expansion?
The 3-week face-to-face workshop

Has served the VUSSC well...
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Curriculum Expansion

- without ‘boot camps’
National Institution’s programme

Other Institution’s programme passed to VUSSC country institutions

Ministries

VUSSC website/portal/hub (exclusive to VUSSC countries)

 Filters, checks & balances

Client is directed to the offering institution for registration and tuition.

COL checks the status of offering institutions and programmes
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