



MALDIVES

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GUIDELINES FROM COMMONWEALTH OF LEARNING (COL)

1. Key challenges and opportunities (not more than 3 each) for ‘learning for development’ in your country
2. Status of distance education/e learning in your country
3. Identify (not more than 5) top priorities that you would like COL to take up during the next Three Year Plan 2012-15.

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Key Challenges and Opportunities

- Lack of awareness on the use of ICT in education
- Lack of content
- Resistance to change from the educators

Status of ODE in Maldives

1. Policies

- a. Maldives was represented at the 6th Pan-Commonwealth Forum in Kochi, India.
- b. Maldives was represented at the 3rd VUSSC Interlocutors’ Meeting in Kochi, India.
- c. Maldives was represented at the 2nd VUSSC Management Committee meeting in Kochi, India.
- d. Maldives was represented at the 1st VUSSC Management Committee meeting in Vancouver, Canada.
- e. Maldives was represented in the Trans-qualification Framework Management Committee (TQFMC).

2. Infrastructure

- a. An Internet Radio programme
- b. Mini laptop programme implemented in one of the government primary schools (Muhuyddin School)

3. Content

- a. A workshop was conducted in the Maldives on developing an Online Diploma in Agriculture. 25 international participants and 5 local participants worked on the development of the course for 3 weeks and completed a course document for the diploma
- b. Participated in Workshop International Training and Materials Development Workshop held in Lesotho
- c. Participated in Workshop International Training and Materials Development Workshop held in Samoa
- d. Workshop on EasyNow held in Maldives for developing ICT materials
- e. Workshop on Advanced EasyNow held in Maldives for developing ICT materials

TOP PRIORITIES FOR 2012-2015 (NOT MORE THAN FIVE)

1. Conduct workshops on transforming education using ICT
2. Create a network where mobile technology is used to reach the outer atolls
3. Create mobile content, especially audio materials with interactivity
4. Teacher training and capacity building with special emphasis on multi grade teaching
5. Strengthen and enhance the resources and materials for adult and community education