

DEHub Launch

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A community for learning and teaching, research and Innovation in Distance Education





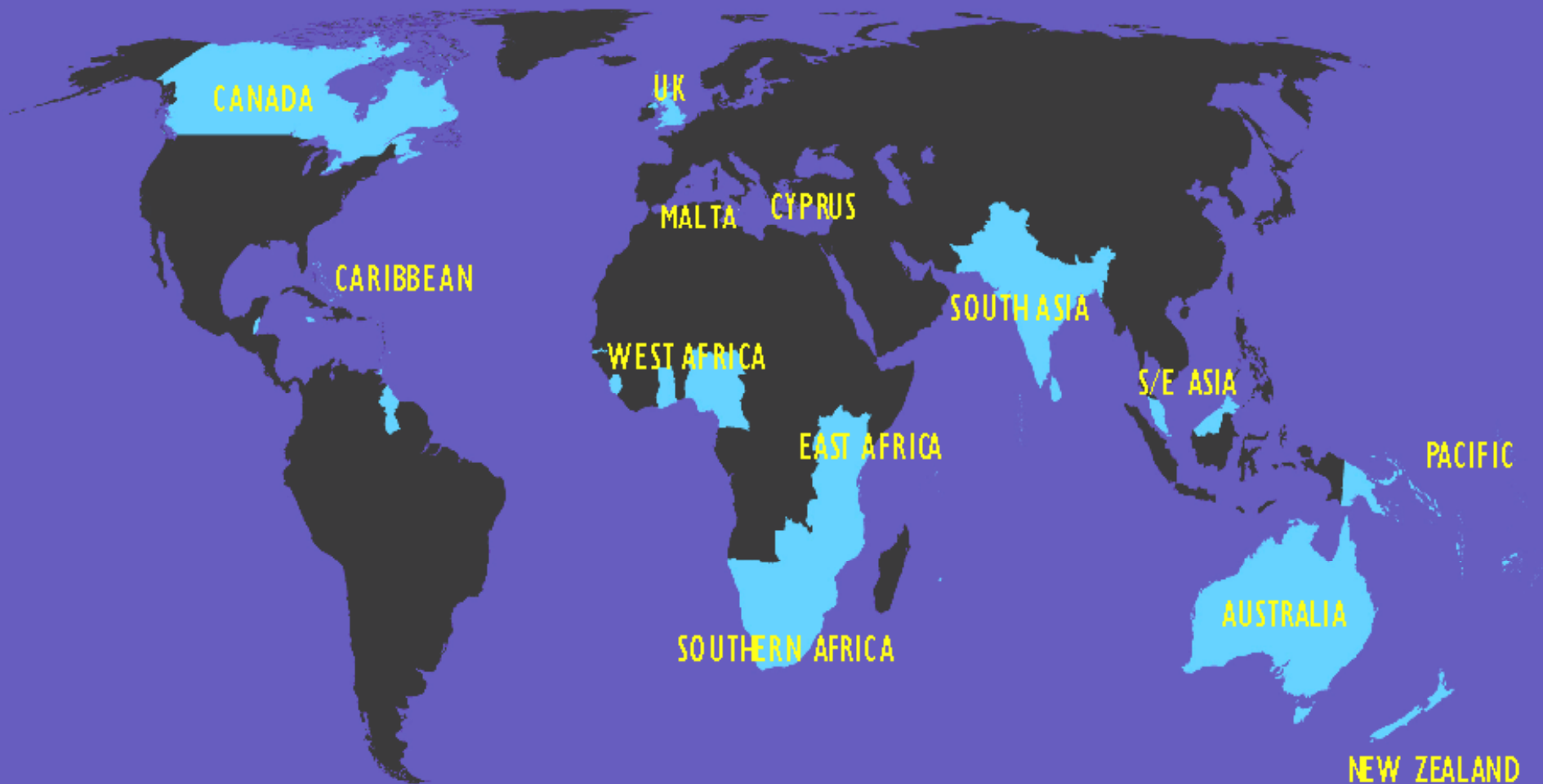
COMMONWEALTH *of* LEARNING

learning for development



COL's Geographical outreach

The Commonwealth



...and all over the Commonwealth!

The Commonwealth of Learning

WHAT IS IT FOR?

To help Commonwealth governments and institutions use various technologies to improve and expand learning for development





Charles Sturt University: Dubbo Campus



CQ University: Bundaberg Campus



University of Southern Queensland:
Toowoomba Campus: Allison Dickson Lecture
Theatre



Massey University



The University of New England, Armidale



What kind of Research?



The Open University



The Open University



The Open University

Research Training: PREST



www.col.org/resources/publications/trainingresources/Pages/PREST.aspx

What are Open Education Resources (OERs)?

Materials that are

- Free and freely available
- Suitable for all levels
- Reusable
- Digital



Interactions in learning

(Meta-analysis by Bernard et al.2009)

Student <> Content

Student <> Student

Student <> Teacher



Interactions in learning

(Meta-analysis by Bernard et al.)

Student <> Content # 1

Student <> Student # 2

Student <> Teacher # 3





MIT OPEN COURSEWARE

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



The Open University

OpenLearn

Making educational resources freely available

The Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth



*this courseware is mine to this courseware is
for (open) mining*

1. MIT: Open Courseware
sharing knowledge
2. UKOU: Open Learn
sharing learning
3. VUSSC: Collaborative content
sharing learning and teaching





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Please join the [WikiEducator mailing list](#) to coordinate the development of WikiEducator content, structure, and technology.

Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth

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VUSSC Node

small nations - big project

Working together on free content

An initiative of the Virtual University
for Small States of the Commonwealth

- [VUSSC Free content](#)
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About VUSSC

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The Commonwealth Education Ministers conceived the idea of the [Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth](#) (VUSSC) at their meeting in Halifax, Canada, in 2000. The [Commonwealth of Learning](#) extended a formal [invitation](#) to the Education Ministers of the small states to participate in this initiative aimed at expanding access to education enabled by appropriate ICTs. VUSSC member countries met in Singapore on two occasions signing a [Letter of Intent](#) as well as the [Singapore Statement](#).

The VUSSC is a network committed to the collaborative development of free content resources for education.

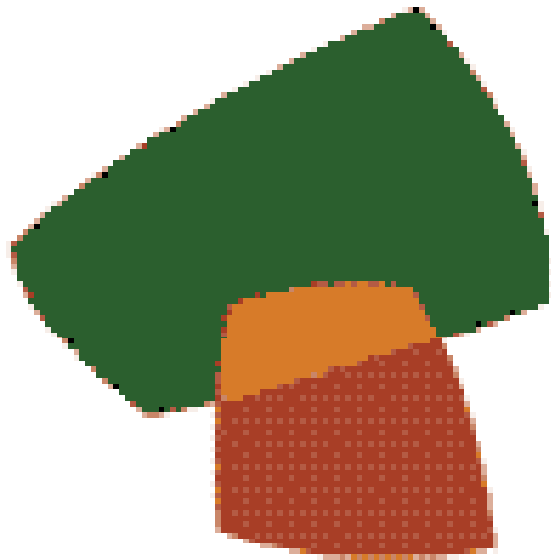
News Releases

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- [Online community creates learning content for small states -August 06](#)

VUSSC coordination nodes

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TESSA

Teacher Education in Sub-Saharan Africa

COL initiatives

- STAMP 2000+
- CCNC
- OERs4OS



Commonwealth Computer Navigator's Certificate

- Module 1 - Basic Concepts of ICTs
- Module 2 - Using a Computer and Managing Files
- Module 3 - Word Processing
- Module 4 - Spreadsheets
- Module 5 - Database
- Module 6 - Presentation
- Module 7 - Information and Communication



Fostering Collaboration



**20 sets
OERS Print**

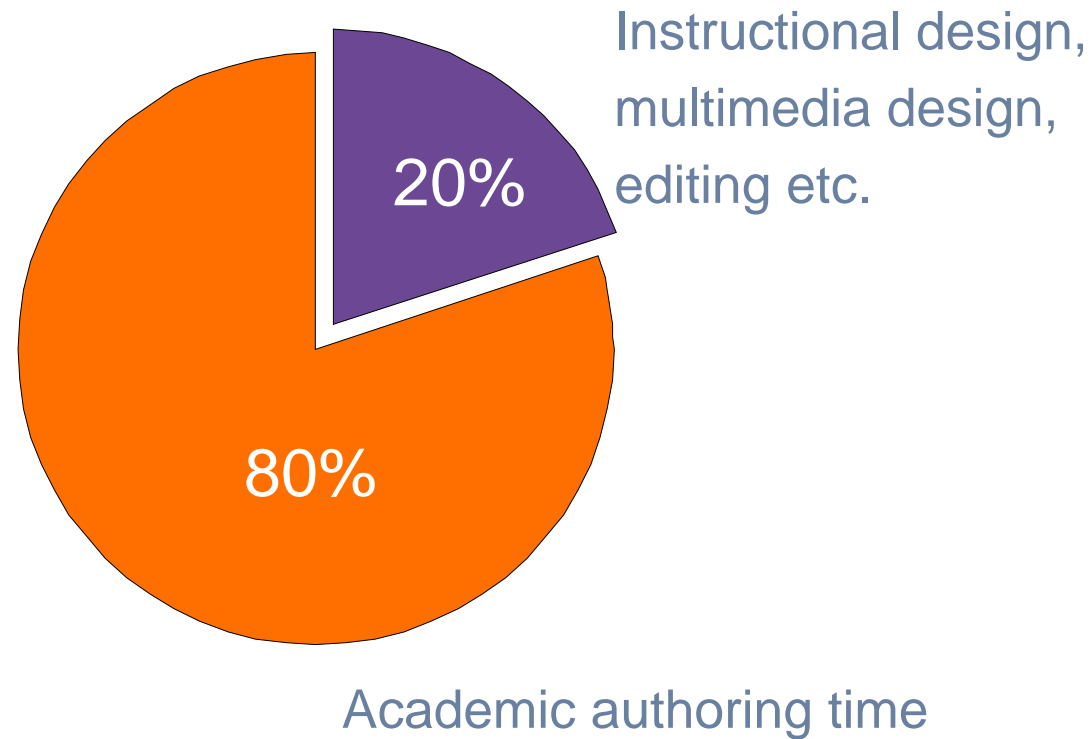
20 sets Online

**5 sets
Multi
Media**

**100
Master
Teachers
Trained**

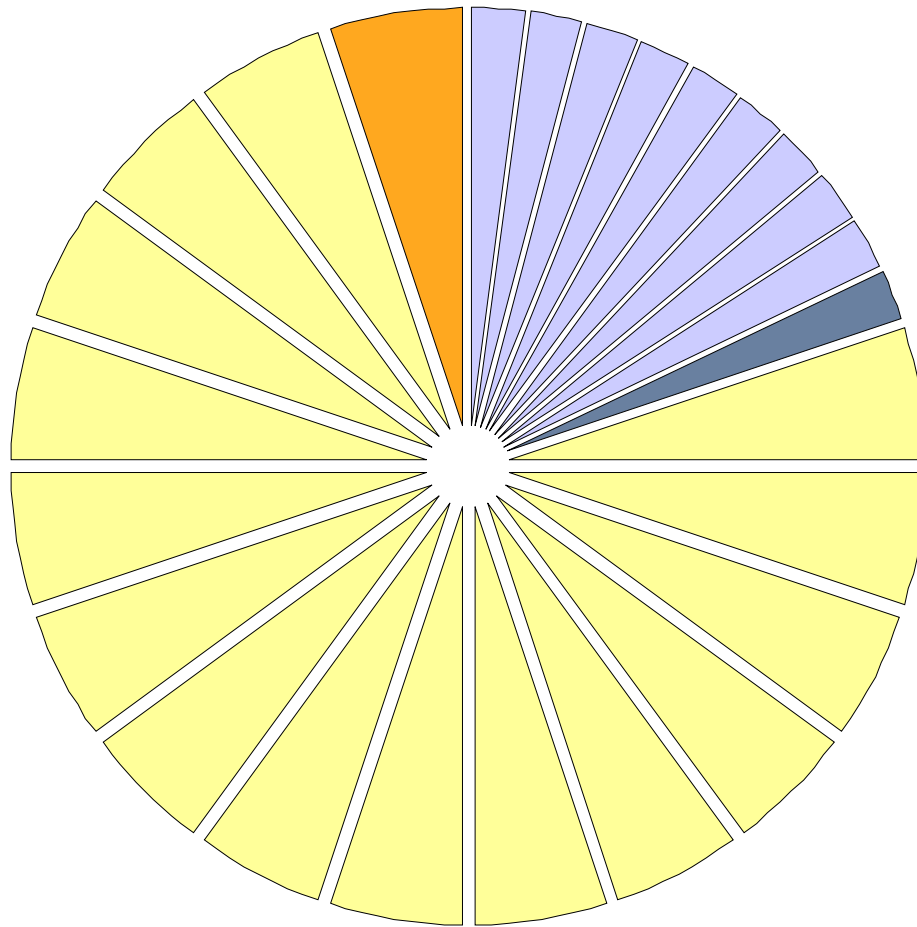


Development of DE resources





Development of OERs



Authoring shared
among participating
institutions/
individuals

Mackintosh

Potential advantages of using OERs

- Saves time and money
- Fosters global knowledge exchange
- Supports capacity development
- Raise the quality of education



Why are OERs not being used?

- Lack of awareness
- No ownership
- Limited capacity



What can Institutions do?

- develop an institutional policy on use of OERs?
- overcome the gap between traditional institutional structures and a decentralised approach?
- provide incentives to faculty?
- define copyright policies?



More Issues

- How to deepen the impact of OERs in the developing world?
- Turn passive consumers into active producers of content?
- Technology for innovation?



Reaching the unreached



THANK YOU

