

## EVENT NOTICE AND MEDIA STATEMENT

### **Learning for Life in a Changing World International Literacy and Livelihoods Experts Meeting**

Organized and hosted by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL)

November 15–17, 2004  
Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Reporters, photographers and enquiries welcome

COL's newly established "Literacy and Livelihoods" programme focuses on partnership efforts that will enhance functional literacy and improvements to the quality and economics of life in the developing countries of the Commonwealth.

For this purpose, COL has invited about 30 international policymakers and practitioners to its first "International Literacy and Livelihoods Experts Meeting: Learning for Life in a Changing World". They will help COL to shape its programme activities.

The Commonwealth is a unique family of 53 developed and developing nations around the world. It is a voluntary association of independent states which encompass many religions, races, languages and cultures.

COL is an intergovernmental organisation created by Commonwealth Heads of Government to encourage the development and sharing of open learning and distance education knowledge, resources and technologies.

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