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Innovative Capacity Development through eLearning with a Special focus on Africa

26-27 November 2008
UN Campus Bonn, Germany

Workshop Agenda

26 November 2008

09:00 Coffee and Registration

9:30 – 10:45 Introduction & Stage Setting (icebreaking, participant introduction)

Welcome address by Prof. Bogardi, UNU Vice Rector in Europe

Stage setting address by Prof. Parayil, UNU Vice Rector in charge of eLearning

Agenda and introduction to the workshop (Virginie Aimard)

Getting to know each other (Nancy White)

10:45 – 12:30 What do we envision?

If UNU is to continue to be involved in eLearning, what would be the most significant role for UNU?

E.g. Development of quality assurance and accreditation mechanisms, organization of networks and partnerships, curriculum development for degree programs, development and hosting of eLearning content, creation and pooling of Open Educational Resources, etc.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Our Current Strengths: Systems of eLearning at UNU

Introduction: Brendan Barrett/Facilitation: Nancy White

What is happening with e-learning in the UNU and wider UN agencies and what are the strengths on which we can build?

UNU: Open Course Ware portal, Asia Pacific Initiative, Water Virtual Learning Centre, E-teaching courses, UNeGov.net - Community of Practice for Electronic Governance

FAO: IMark and Knowledge Sharing

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee

15:45 – 17:00 Conclusion from gallery walk: What do we have? Mapping our assets and needs.

Creating our UNU e-learning network map of skills, leadership and resources

How can we increase UNU e-learning capacity?

Where does leadership and funding come from for initiatives?

17:00 - 17:30 Wrap up and preparation for Day 2

Evening Social program: dinner at the “Bönnsch” (traditional German micro-brewery)

27 November 2008

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome back, recapitulation of previous day and adjusting the agenda

09:30 - 10:30 Test Case: Systems of eLearning in Africa

Setting the context: What is happening with e-learning in Africa? Why is it a priority? Who are the innovators and what can we learn from them?

- Tony Carr, Staff Development Coordinator, Centre for Educational Technology, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Speranza Ndege, Director of the E-learning Coordinating Centre, Kenyatta University, Kenya
- Sam Siminyu, Head of Department of Distance Education, Makerere University, Uganda
- Mama Foupouagnigni, Head of International Cooperation Service, and professor at the Advanced Teachers' Training College, University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon

- Alice Barlow-Zambodla, Senior Education Specialist/Researcher, South African Institute of Distance Education
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10:30 - 11:00 Focusing eLearning Africa - How might our vision work in Africa?

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee breaks free according to groups' needs

11:15 -12:00 Working groups: how might we contribute to building e-learning capacity in Africa?

- Small groups will consider the top 2-4 ideas from the previous session and consider what UNU could actually do.

11:30 -12:30 Report out

- Who might take on and own these proposals?
 - How does this tell us what we need to do find and partner with the most strategic partners?
 - How does a regional approach compare with a thematic approach?
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12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:00 Thinking about practicalities for our vision - Breakout conversations or World Cafe

- From what we have learned in these two days from a regional African focus, what might a global strategy for eLearning look like?
 - What is the most strategic contribution UNU can offer?
 - How can we best work together?
 - What are the possible funding streams?
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15:00 - 15:30 Coffee

15:30 - 16:30 Reporting of the groups

16:30 - 17:00 Wrap up and next steps

Farewell

Evening social program – visit of the Christmas market in Bonn city centre