

Fostering Governmental Support for OER Internationally

African Regional Forum

Objectives of the regional policy forum are to:

- intensify dialogue with Governments on OER;
- showcase local OER policies, experts and initiatives; and
- contribute to the drafting of the Paris Declaration

21 February 2012

8:30 – 9:00	Opening and welcome	Professor MS Makhanya Principal and Vice Chancellor, UNISA
9:00 – 9:30	Presentation: Background to the Regional Policy Forum and Update on Progress	Sir John Daniel President and CEO, Commonwealth of Learning & Ms Stamenka Uvalić-Trumbić Senior Consultant
9:30 – 10:00	Keynote: OER – a matter of public policy?	Mr Firoz Patel: Deputy Director-General: Human Resource Development, Planning and Monitoring Coordination Department of Higher Education and Training South Africa
10:00 – 10:30	Plenary Discussion: Why OER should become a matter of public policy?	Facilitated by: Sir John Daniel Project Director
10:30 – 11:00		Tea/Coffee
11:00 – 13:00	Panel Discussion: Voice of practitioners Chairperson: Ms Jenny Glennie, South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OER Africa, An initiative of SAIDE Ms Catherine Ngugi, Kenya • OER Health Alliance Dr David Serwadda, Uganda • International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering Mr Francis Sempore, Burkina Faso • TESSA Dr Salome Okyerewa Essuman, Ghana • COL OER Initiatives Sir John Daniel/Trudi van Wyk, Canada • Siyavula Mr Neels van der Westhuizen, South Africa • OER in Francophone Africa Mr Jibril Koumtouzoua Touzi, Cameroon
13:00 – 14:00		Light Finger Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Panel Discussion: Voice of policy makers Chairperson: Mr Josua Mallet, Ghana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kilemi Mwurira, Kenya • Mr Alex Souffe, Seychelles • Mr Hadji Ndiaye, Senegal • Dr EL van Staden, South Africa
15:30 – 16:30	Plenary Discussion: Policy issues and recommendations from governments	Facilitated by Ms Stamenka Uvalić-Trumbić Senior Consultant
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap Up and Closure Day 1	
17:00 -		Tea/Coffee

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8:30 – 8:45	UNISA – A Video Introduction	
8:45 – 9:15	Presentation: Why the Paris Declaration? Draft Declaration	Mr Abel Caine - UNESCO
9:15 – 10:30	Group Discussions (Working Session): Issues and recommendations for the Paris Declaration	Chair persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sir John Daniel – Project Director • Ms Stamenka Uvalić-Trumbić - Senior Consultant • Ms Trudi van Wyk - Project Officer, COL • Mr Abel Caine - Project Officer, UNESCO • Mr Jaco du Toit – Project Officer, UNESCO
10:30 – 11:00		Tea/Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Group reports Plenary discussions Issues and recommendations for the Paris Declaration	Facilitators: Mr Abel Caine and Mr Jaco du Toit - UNESCO
12:30 – 13:00	Wrap Up and Way forward	Sir John Daniel President and CEO, Commonwealth of Learning
13:00 – 14:00		Light Finger Lunch

