



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organisation

**COMMUNICATION
AND INFORMATION**

Empowering people through access to information and knowledge



UNESCO Open Suite Strategy

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UNESCO

Our Mission is to contribute to the:

- Building of *Peace*;
- Eradication of Poverty;
- Sustainable Development; and
- Intercultural Dialogue, through –
 - Education
 - Sciences
 - Culture
 - *Communication and Information*



**Creating,
accessing,
sharing
and preserving
information and
knowledge**

**are essential capabilities
for dialogue, democracy
and development**



Communication and Information Sector

- ***Overarching Objective 5: Build Inclusive Knowledge Societies***

OPEN SUITE STRATEGY

- Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Open Access (OA) to scientific information
- Free and Open Source Software (FOSS)



Open Educational Resources (OER)

- Develop, promote, build capacities –
 - Creative Commons GFDL E-learning, curricula, textbook content
 - Using FOSS tools
 - On trusted UNESCO platform (policies, toolkits)
 - Working with strong global partners (Curriki.org)
 - Starting in 2010 with UNESCO content



Open Training Platform (OTP)

- www.opentrainingplatform.org
- Online directory of 3,500+ e-learning courses
- 21 subject areas
- 9 UN partner agencies (ITU, UNEP, UNITAR, UNU, FAO, WHO, ILO, UNV and UNESCO)
- 630+ training providers: commercial - NGOs
- 1M+ visitors



Open Access (OA)

- Access to scientific information
- Developing countries universities, think tanks, research institutions, Government policy units
- Undertake 2010 Global Map
- Awareness and links to existing global OA repositories
- Building capacities to create dynamic, viable local OA repositories



Free and Open Source Software (FOSS)

- UNESCO FOSS Suite
 - CDS/ISIS, IDAMS, Museolog, Enrich
- UNESCO FOSS Portal
 - http://www.unesco.org/webworld/portal_freesoft/
- UNESCO support for:
 - Greenstone, Koha, AtoM
- Governments enactment of ODF laws
- Support user development: computer science faculties, Software Freedom Day, localisation
- Partnerships critical: Sun – UNESCO MOU



Target Groups

- Global Priority 1: Africa
- Global Priority 2: Gender equality
- LDCs
- SIDS
- Youth
- People with Disabilities
- People living in rural or PCPD areas (IDPs)
- Indigenous people, minority languages



UNESCO Strengths

- UNESCO's unique mandate: peace and development
- Wealth of knowledge and experience
- Steady budget
- Dedicated Team
- 32 Field Offices worldwide
- 192 National Commissions for UNESCO
- 2,500 schools in ASPnet
- UNESCO Ambassadors, Clubs, Parliamentarians



Partnerships

- Foundations – Free Software Foundation
- NGOs – Curriki.org
- Private sector – Sun, TAG-Org