UNESCO World OER Congress 2012
Declaration

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Target Audience

The Congress will bring together

- Ministers of Education/ Human Resource Development,
- senior policy makers
- expert practitioners, researchers and relevant stakeholders
Objectives

- Release a 2012 Paris OER Declaration calling on Governments to support the development and use of OERs

- Showcase the world’s best practices in OER policies, initiatives, and experts

- Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the 2002 UNESCO Forum that created the term OER
What is UNESCO?

- The specialized UN Agency for Education, Science, Culture
- 195 Member States and 8 Associate Members
- Actions at intergovernmental level – excellent and unique forum for intra/inter-regional policy discussion
Programme

- Highlights of key examples from the regions of how OER are harnessed by governments

- Interventions from Ministers in support of OER in all UNESCO Regions

- Discussion and adoption of the Paris OER Declaration
2002 Forum on Impact of OCWR

Declaration 2002:
Participants expressed: “their satisfaction and their wish to develop together a universal educational resource for the whole of humanity, to be referred to henceforth as Open Educational Resources”
Open Exhibit Seminar

Parallel Event

Aim to:

- To showcase innovative and promising practices in OER policies and initiatives
2012 World OER Congress
Draft Declaration (Version 4)
Prepared following the Regional Policy Forum for Europe – Cambridge UK, 17 April 2012
Structure of the Declaration

- Note on the Drafting Process
- Premable
- List of 10 actions Governments declare they will undertake (points ‘a’ to ‘j’)
**Note on the Drafting Process:**

*Draft represents inputs from:*

- **IALG**
- **Regional Workshops:**
  - **CARIBBEAN (JANUARY 2012),**
  - **AFRICA (FEBRUARY 2012),**
  - **LATIN AMERICA (MARCH 2012) AND**
  - **EUROPE (APRIL 2012).**

**Further amendments:**

- Asia Pacific Workshop (April 2012) (Today!!)
- Arab States Workshop (May 2012)
- IALG 2
Preamble

Reference to relevant international statements:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 26.1)
- Dakar Framework of Action
- World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)
- 2005 Convention on the Promotion of Cultural Diversity

As well as:

- The 2002 OER Conference, Dakar, UNESCO/COL Guidelines
Declaration:

Governments/ Competent bodies declare they will:

a) Foster awareness of the benefits of OER.

b) Create enabling environments for Information and Communications Technologies (ICT).

c) Promote and adopt legal frameworks for open licensing

d) Support the sustainable development of quality learning materials
e) Foster the emergence of new strategic alliances for OER.

f) Encourage the development and adaptation of OER in a variety of languages and cultural contexts.

g) Encourage research on the use and impact of OER.

h) Facilitate finding, retrieving and sharing OER.
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i) Encourage private and non-governmental institutions to contribute to OER

j) Encourage the open licensing of educational materials produced with public funds.

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