

Announcement

Open Education Resources and Employability (OER) Policy Development and Capacity Building

The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) signed a Contribution Agreement confirming COL's support towards the development of Open Educational Resources (OER) and Employability Frameworks/ Policies and Capacity Building at NUST.

Two workshops will be facilitated with the focus on employability and creating awareness and understanding of the potential of OER. The COL collaboration will support and guide NUST in introducing OER to support employability and integrate OER into teaching and learning through policy support, advocacy, and capacity building.

About the Facilitator

Ms Kathryn Steenkamp is passionate about OER and has successfully completed her Creative Commons Certificate Course for Educators, thereby demonstrating mastery in open licensing. She is deeply engaged in the work of Creative Commons South Africa, from recommendations around sorely-needed copyright reform, to actively advocate for tax policy changes to enable more OER resources to become available at no additional cost to the fiscus. Globally, she has worked on policy recommendations relating to the Ethics of Open Sharing, and with the Wikimedia Foundation, initiated discussions and edit-a-thons to improve the quality and quantity of information on Wikipedia relating to OER and the Creative Commons license suite and public domain tools.

She is a trained human sciences researcher and member of the Southern African Marketing Research Association and is currently engaged in creating African OER resources using MoodleBox for low connectivity and under-resourced schools. Ms Steenkamp has lectured at both Wits and Vega universities.



Workshop 1:

31 May - 02 June 2023 (3 days)

Workshop 2:

05 - 08 June 2023 (4 days)



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