

World Conference on Higher Education: The New Dynamics of Higher Education
Paris, 5-8 July 2009

Session on Open Educational Resources
7 July 2009: 4.30-6.00 pm
Room IV

Building Knowledge Societies: Open Educational Resources Panel session

This conference aims to take stock of transformations in higher education since the 1998 World Conference on Higher Education and address the new dynamics likely to shape the strategic agenda for the development of higher education policies and institutions.

The growing Open Educational Resources (OER) movement has the objective of increasing access to quality educational content worldwide. Digital content that is open to re-use and adaptation is a public good that can be shared widely. The panel session is intended to explore OER as an example of a new dynamic in higher education that will contribute to building knowledge societies.

Speakers:

Brenda Gourley, Vice Chancellor, Open University, UK

She heads an open university that has a considerable engagement in OER through OpenLearn, and can put forward the importance of OER

Barney Pityana, Principal and Vice Chancellor of the University of South Africa, South Africa

He heads an institution in Africa, which is a special focus of the conference, and will comment on the potential of OER for higher education in Africa

Gary Matkin, Dean of Continuing Education, University of California,
Irvine, U.S.A.

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Stavros P. Xanthopoulos, Executive Director, Fundação Getulio
Vargas (FGV Online), Brazil

They have developed an inter-regional collaboration and will
speak about the benefit of OER to the institutions

Fred Mulder, Rector of the Open Universiteit Nederland
(EADTU/ICDE), Netherlands

He heads an open university engaged with OER and can speak
about the important impact at the institutional and national level
– and as Chair of M-2009 conference of ICDE and EADTU, he
will present the M-2009 statement on OER

Rapporteurs:

Sally Johnstone, Provost & Vice President for Academic
Affairs, Winona State University

Katy Savage