

Training workshop on

# Designing and Delivering Online Courses including MOOCs



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## Background

The Wawasan Open University is one of the leading Open Universities in the region in exploring and using innovative technologies for developing and delivering Open Distance Programmes. This training workshop is organised by Wawasan Open University as part of University's commitment to contribute to professional development of individuals and institutions interested in developing and delivering online courses.

## Overview of the programme

This training workshop addresses various issues relating to planning, developing, delivering and managing online courses in the context of higher education institutions. As more and more institutions and individuals are interested in offering online distance education programmes, it is of paramount importance for these individuals to acquire sufficient knowledge and skills required to offer such courses. It is important to know the variations that could be brought in while designing the structure of a course to offer it as a credited course and a non credited course, and also look at the possibility of transfer of credits from a MOOC to a regular university credited course. In this context the proposed workshop provides sufficient basic inputs for participants to have the understanding of the pedagogical principles and issues involved in designing an online course including MOOC. The workshop also looks at the platforms available for launching online/MOOCs and the problems/challenges involved in the course delivery. Furthermore, the workshop attempts to develop skills for designing courses and its delivery through network of individuals and institutions.

## Workshop objectives

- Explore how the principles of ODL affect approaches to online courses designing.
- Explore different ways of designing online and MOOCs.
- Identify the steps involved in designing and delivering online and MOOCs.
- Identifying and integrating OER for an online course.
- Critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of online platforms.
- Discuss issues concerning online facilitation.
- Discuss issues in designing the outlines for few selected courses to be delivered online.
- Chalking out activities and time frame to offer about four MOOCs as collaborative ventures among participating institutions.

## Inputs/topics to be covered in the workshop

1. Designing online courses/MOOCs — issues for consideration.
2. Concerns (research based) in offering online/MOOCs.
3. Strategies for providing 'online facilitations'.
4. Understanding basic issues concerning OER.
5. Adopting OER to design online courses.
6. Merging print with multimedia for use in online courses (COL/CEMCA Print2Screen App).
7. Platforms availability to offer online courses: relative advantages and limitation.
8. Strategies to conduct concurrent and product evaluation of online courses.
9. Group work to design a collaborative MOOC (among institutions) including:
  - Content outline
  - OER resources

- Online facilitation strategies
- Evaluation strategies
- Role of each institution in developing and delivering MOOC including time frame and strategies to monitor the implementation

## Workshop facilitators

The workshop will be facilitated by **6 experts** including **2 external experts** whose brief CV is provided below:

### Professor Dr Mohan B. Menon

Professor Dr Mohan Menon, presently Chairperson of DISHA Global Trust, India, has been Director and Chief of the UNESCO-UNRWA Education Programme for Palestine Refugees (Jordan), Chairman of National Institute of Open Schooling (India), Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) with the Wawasan Open University (Malaysia) and Director, School of Education, Indira Gandhi National Open University (India). Professor Menon has over 40 years' experience in teaching, training, educational research, institutional planning and administration and implementing innovations.

### Dr Ishan Abeywardena

Dr Ishan Abeywardena is the Adviser on Open Educational Resources at the Commonwealth of Learning, Burnaby, Canada. Previously, he was Director of International Academic Relations and Acting Director, National Online Distance Education Service (NODES) at the Open University of Sri Lanka; and Deputy Dean at Wawasan Open University, Malaysia. At present in COL, Dr Abeywardena works with governments, institutions and organizations throughout the Commonwealth assisting them with OER policy development and its strategic implementation.

## Workshop schedule and venue

The workshop will be of 3 days duration beginning from **5th Dec to 7th Dec, 2016** and will be conducted in the campus of Wawasan Open University from 9 am to 5 pm.

## Workshop fee (for 3 days)

**RM1000** per participant (HRDF Claimable). The fee for this workshop is highly subsidised keeping in view the institutional social responsibility in focus.

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## Enquiries

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