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To: Vice-Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executives of OERu partners.

Invitation: 5th meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers

Contact North | Contact Nord is pleased to host the 5th meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers to coincide with the World Conference on Online Learning, the 27th International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE) World Conference, in Toronto, Canada. See: www.onlinelearning2017.ca for more information.

The <u>OER universitas</u> (OERu) is an international consortium of "like-minded" institutions from six major regions of the world who through their community service agendas, are widening access to more affordable education opportunities for learners excluded from the formal sector using open education approaches. The OERu shows considerable potential for new <u>business models</u> associated with disaggregated services, micro Open Online Courses and micro credentials.

The OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers was established in 2013 and functions as an assembly of senior leaders called together for consultation, deliberation and discussion on strategic OERu futures. This is an important meeting to discuss implementation plans for the OERu 1st year of study.

We are writing today to extend a formal invitation to the Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of the OERu partners (or their senior leader nominees) to attend the **5th meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers** at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto, Canada on the morning of 16 October 2017.

The meeting of Chief Executives will follow the 2017 annual OERu international partner's meeting on October 12 and 13, 2017. The current Chair of Council, Alan Davis will facilitate the meeting. During the meeting we will:

- Evaluate progress with the implementation of the OERu 1st year of study
- Review recommendations and decision proposals from the 6th meeting of OERu partners
- Review operational targets for 2018
- Discuss strategic directions for the OERu network.

We have published a website for the OERu 2017 meetings which provides further information: meetings.oeru.org.

Please RSVP by completing the online registration form (https://oer.nz/1m) by **September 8, 2017**, or by sending an email directly to Wayne Mackintosh, Director of the OER Foundation and UNESCO- ICDE Chair in OER, wayne@oerfoundation.org.

We look forward to welcoming you personally to Toronto for the first series of OERu meetings to be hosted in Ontario.

Sincerely

Maxim Jean-Louis

President - Chief Executive Officer, Contact North | Contact Nord

Chair, World Conference on Online Learning

Alan Davis

Chair of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers

President and Vice-Chancellor

Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Annexure A OERu International Partners (August 2017)



The OERu is an international innovation partnership of universities,

polytechnics, community colleges and non-teaching agencies who are widening access to more affordable education opportunities for all students worldwide using open education approaches. The OERu is also an official project of the UNESCO / COL / ICDE OER chair network. The OERu philanthropic network draws its strength from our international diversity with partner institutions from five global regions.

Africa

<u>University of South Africa</u> (South Africa) <u>National Open University of Nigeria</u> (Nigeria)

North-West University (South Africa)

Europe

Institute of Technology Sligo (Ireland)

The Open University (United Kingdom)

University of South Wales (United Kingdom)

University of the Highlands and Islands (United Kingdom)

Middle East

Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University (United Arab Emirates)

North America

Athabasca University (Canada)

BCcampus (Non teaching partner - Canada)

Contact North | Contact Nord (Non teaching partner - Canada)

eCampusOntario (Non teaching partner - Canada)

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (Canada)

Thompson Rivers University (Canada)

Thomas Edison State University (USA)

Oceania

Ako Aotearoa (Non teaching partner - New Zealand)

Charles Sturt University (Australia)

Curtin University (Australia)

NorthTec (New Zealand)

OER Foundation (Non teaching partner - New Zealand)

Otago Polytechnic (New Zealand)

Swinburne University of Technology (Australia)

University of Canberra (Australia)

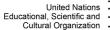
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<u>University of the South Pacific</u> (Regional University - 12 Pacific Island States)

University of Tasmania (Australia)

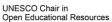
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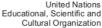
















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Annexure B Schedule of OERu 2017 meetings and events



1. OERu Open planning consultation		
When	September 2017 (Dates to be confirmed)	
Where	Online virtual meeting	
Who	Open community, interested people and staff from OERu anchor partners	
Purpose	Discussions to inform the meeting agenda and prepare inputs for the 6 th international meeting of OERu partners.	
Host	OER Foundation	

2. 6 th International meeting of OERu partners		
When	12 and 13 October 2017 (All day meetings)	
Where	Chang School of Continuing Education, Ryerson University, Toronto	
Who	Staff, Managers, Chief Executives from OERu partner institutions and observers	
Purpose	To discuss strategy and implementation of the OERu 1 st year of study.	
Host	eCampusOntario	
Website	http://meetings.oeru.org/	

4. 5th meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers		
When	16 October 2017 (9:00am to 2:00pm)	
Where	Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, ICDE World Conference on Online Learning	
Who	Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executives of OERu partners (or senior leader nominees).	
Purpose	Review outputs of the partners meeting and consider decisions for the OERu 1 st year of study.	
Host	Contact North Contact Nord. Meeting facilitated by Alan Davis, President and Vice-Chancellor of Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Chair of Council.	
Website	http://meetings.oeru.org/	