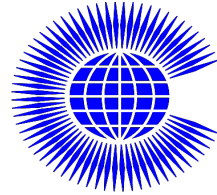**The Commonwealth Youth Programme, Regional Centre for Africa**

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Report of the

FACE-2-FACE WikiEducator and OER Training Workshop

25th- 27th June 2008

Introduction

The Commonwealth Youth Programme Regional Centre for Africa (CYP RCA), under the Youth Enterprise and Sustainable Livelihoods (YESL) programme held a face to face WikiEducator and OER training at Zambia Centre for Accountancy studies (ZCAS). This was a result of two OER meetings held at CYP in April and May 2008 with heads of institutions and Information Technology section supervisors from various educational institutions in Lusaka.

The following institutions expressed interest in receiving training in the development of OER on WikiEducator:

1. Zambia Centre for Accountancy Studies (ZCAS)
2. Matero Boys
3. National Institute for Public Administration (NIPA)
4. Kamwala High
5. Kabulonga Boys
6. Kalingalinga Youth Centre
7. Kabulonga Girls
8. Zambia Institute of Management(ZAMIM)
9. Regent Collage

Training Objectives

The objectives of the training were to:

- Share knowledge on what new/innovative applications can be derived from existing technologies
- Explore the concept of open source software/technologies
- Understand the meaning and use of Wikis,
- Introduce participants to specific education applications such as WE and Moodle

The training:

The three days training started on 25th June 2008. Mr. Billy Kahoota gave an opening remark; he invited everyone at ZCAS and provided the objectives of the training. He then invited the training facilitator; Mr. Victor Mensah to take over the session.

Participants expressed their expectations to which most of them reflected the training objectives. Then day one session started where the facilitator took the participants through the concepts of open source technologies, Wiki and WikiEducator. Also participants were able to create WikiEducator accounts as well as learning basic text formatting skills.
Day one session ended by self assessment exercises and after that, lab work followed where participants were able to work on their own contents.

Day two training objectives were to enable trainees create new pages, links and to introduce the syntax for adding images as well as providing an overview of more detailed image formatting. At the end of the day, participants were able to upload images from the computer to their wiki pages. They also learned about collaborative editing.

On the last day, participants learned about WikiEducator pedagogical templates. The objectives of this lesson were to explain the concept of using "iDevices" as sub-elements of elements of an educational resource, also to revisit template syntax and view examples of pedagogical templates with corresponding tips. After that participants were able to do exercises on Wiki structures and free content.

Outcomes of the Training:

- All participants have acquired knowledge on Wikis and open source technologies in general.
- Every participant has a WikiEducator account.
- Most participants have been certified as qualified Wikibuddys
- Participants are able to send messages to one another; this means they are now able to share knowledge and information.

Conclusion:
The training was successful and most importantly the training objectives were met. Participants expressed their gratitude to CYP and ZCAS for organizing the event. According to them the training was an eye opener and they admitted that, the knowledge attained will go a long way in ensuring learning process is simplified not only to teachers but also to students.

Annex 1: List of Participants

1. Victor Mensah- CYP (Facilitator)
2. Semanga Ngosingosi- CYP
3. Brian Sikute -CYP
4. Simon Mfune- ZCAS
5. Christine Simfukwe Mulenga- ZCAS
6. Payton Sondashi
7. Ghost Mulenga- Matero Boys Secondary
8. Joseph Moonga- ZCAS
9. Joseph Phiri- ZCAS
10. Moses Tembo- Dzithandizeni Trades School
11. Derick Kalunga- ZCAS
12. Masiye Mwanza- ZCAS
13. Winwell Sindano- ZCAS
14. Loveness Chongo- Kamwala High School
15. Gideon Mwanza- ZCAS
16. Jo Chempausha- Kamwala High School
17. Moses Katebe- ZCAS
18. Jonathan Zulu- ZCAS
19. Kelvin Kayombo- ZCAS
20. Japhet - Kalingalinga Youth Resource Centre
21. Patrick Mwiya–Kabulonga girls
22. Chuma Nganga- Kabulonga

ZCAS WikiEducator Training Workshop
DETAILED AGENDA

TIME	LESSON/ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR (S)
8:00 – 8:30	Introductions and Learning Contracts	Victor
8:30 – 9:00	Opening remarks and technical support information	Christine and Billy
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction to Web 2.0 Technologies • What are open source technologies • What is a Wiki • Introduction to WikiEducator, Moodle, etc.	Billy, Brian and Victor
9:30 – 10:00	Creating a WikiEducator Account • Setting up your personal WE webpage • Features and Customisations	Victor
10:00 – 11:30	Introduction to WikiMedia Editing	Victor

	• WikiMedia and "Sisters" • Editing Basics • Basic Text Formatting	
11:30 – 13:00	Recap and Self Assessment Exercises	Victor
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	-
14:00 – 15:00	*Lab Work:* Participants will work on their own contents	Billy and Christine
15:30	Close Down: End of Day 1	- **DAY ONE(1)**

TIME	LESSON/ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR (S)
8:00 – 8:30	Lab Work: Participants will work on their own contents	Participants • Billy & Champo
8:30 – 9:00	Review of DAY 1 Lessons and Activities • Flashlight	Christine • A participant
9:00 – 9:45	Wiki Linkages • Creating New Pages • Creating Page links • Assessing what-links-where?	Victor
9:45 – 10:30	Handling Images and Media	Victor
10:30 – 11:00	Collaborative Editing • Collaborative content authoring • Reverting • Diff and History tools • Understanding recent changes	Victor

TIME	LESSON/ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR(S)
11:00 – 12:00	<u>Collaborative Interactions</u> • <u>Discussions boards</u> • <u>Email interactions</u> • <u>Talk pages</u>	<u>Victor</u>
12:00 – 13:00	Recap and Self Assessment Exercises	<u>Victor</u>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	-
14:00 – 15:00	Lab Work: <u>Participants will work together on contents</u> i.e(each other's contents)	Billy and Christine
15:30	Close Down: End of Day 2	- **DAY TWO(2)**

TIME	LESSON/ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR (S)
8:00 – 8:30	Lab Work: Participants will work on their own contents	Participants • Christine
8:30 – 9:00	Review of DAY 2 Lessons and Activities • Flashlight	Billy • A participant
9:00 – 9:45	WikiEducator <u>Pedagogical Templates</u>	<u>Victor</u>
9:45 – 10:30	Thinking About <u>WIki Structures</u>	<u>Victor</u>
10:30 – 11:00	What is <u>Free Content</u> • Moderated discussions	<u>Champo</u>
11:00 – 11:30	Way Forward/Declaration	Christine & Billy
11:30 – 12:00	Closing Ceremony	