



# UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND EXTERNAL STUDIES  
CENTRE FOR OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING

## INTERNAL MEMO

**FROM:** Director CODL

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**TO:** Principal CEES

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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRE FOR OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING**

### 1. Introduction

The Centre for Open and Distance Learning was established in 2005 with a mandate to enable the University of Nairobi to diversify its delivery modes, enrich the learning process and increase access to quality university education by using open, distance and e-learning modes. Its mission is “A Centre of Excellence in Open, Distance and e-Learning”

Its Mission is ‘To provide and maintain equitable opportunity for accessing quality university education, which embodies the aspirations of humanity, through the use of multimedia, consultancy and research in open and distance learning’. Its Vision and Mission are fulfilled through collaboration with internal Schools and Faculties. During the year 2013 the Centre was involved in the activities outlined in this report.

### 2. Flagship Projects

The Centre in collaboration with the School of Education mounted two Flagship Programmes namely Master of Education in Planning and Administration and Master of Educational Foundations using open, distance and e-learning modes and a Bachelor of Education in IT to contribute to the fulfillment of Vision 2030 objectives. These programmes were launched on 20<sup>th</sup> Jun.2013 in a ceremony where the guest of honour was the Vice Chancellor who was represented by the Ag. DVC (AA) Prof. Henry Mutoro. Centre developed in collaboration with the School of Continuing and Distance Education a roadmap for a new Flagship project-Master of Arts in Peace Education to contribute to the fulfillment of Vision 2030 objectives.



**University Choir**



**DVC (AA) Prof. H. Mutoro  
Representing the VC at the launch**



**Participants at the  
launch of Med Admin & Med Found**

### 3. Capacity Building for Development of self- Instructional Materials and Learner Support

The Centre was involved in Capacity building for developing self instructional materials and Learners support. The centre conducted 8 print involving 240 academic staff and e-learning self-instructional materials workshops and 7 face to face and on-line learner support with representation from all the six (6) colleges of the university. (PHOTOS)



### 4. Instruction Materials Development in print and e-learning

From the capacity building in self-instructional materials development the centre developed 142 instructional all of which have been converted and uploaded on the e-learning portal. The distribution by colleges is as follows:

- College of Education and External Studies 77
- College of Health Sciences 46
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences 20
- College of Biological and Physical Sciences 9
- College of Agric and Vet Sciences 3
- Total 142**

The titles of the modules are available in the CODL Newsletter

### 5. Participation in Events hosted by the College and Conferences

- i. J.O. Odumbe and Dr. Charles Wafula facilitated the development of self instructional materials for Biosafety programs at the ministry of Health
- ii. J.O. Odumbe and Dr. Charles Wafula Presented a Paper on Utilization of Open and Distance Learning in addressing Educational Challenges: Case of the Flagship Project Initiatives of the University of Nairobi at the Academic Conference in the School of Continuing and Distance Education held at Kikuyu Campus on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013
- iii. The Director and the Coordinator Participated in DETA 2013 Conference 31<sup>st</sup> Jul to 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug held at Kenya Science Campus and presented on: Vision 2030, Operation of the Centre and Use of Distance education in meeting challenges of Teacher Education in Kenya



**Coordinator CODL, Dean SCDE & Director CODL  
At DETA 2013 Conference at  
Kenya Science**



**Ag. Deputy Principal Kenya Science  
and President of Commonwealth of  
Learning at the DETA 2013 Conference  
at Kenya Science**



**6. Collaboration and Consultancies**

The Centre collaborated with Laikipia University, Moi University and Rongo University College in capacity building for self-instructional materials and conversion of materials to e-learning mode in workshops held at Morendat Conference Centre, Pinetree Hotel Eldoret and GRABO Hotel Migori



**Director CODL and the DVC AA  
Laikipia University at Morendat**



**IT Committee briefs  
Cabinet Secretary**

**Director & DVC AA Moi University  
on National Open University of Kenya**



**Consultation on e-learning Solution Tablet  
At Arziki Chiromo Campus 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2013 and  
demonstration at Multimedia Conference Centre**



**Director in Somaliland for accreditation of  
Sheik Technical College.**

## 7. Development of Strategic Plan for 2013 2018



**Stakeholders at the Strategic Plan      Principal CHSS and MD UNES at close of Workshop**

**Workshop Outcomes were:** A comprehensive Strategic Plan for the Centre for July 2013 to June 2018, clear recommendations for financial and operational policy revisions and general recommendations for enhancing Open, Distance and e-Learning delivery in the University .The workshop was closed by Prof E. Njeru, Principal of CHSS on behalf of Prof. Peter M.F. Mbithi DVC (A&F). who appreciated the work of the Centre.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.O. Odumbe', is centered on a light-colored rectangular background.

J.O. Odumbe  
Director, CODL