



Pan-African Forum on OER and OA

Accra, Ghana - May 28, 2008



FIRST PANAFRICAN FORUM ON OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES (OER) and OPEN ACCESS (OA)

Hosted by: The MERLOT Africa Network (MAN), eLearning Africa (eLA) and the Africa Virtual University (AVU)

THEME 1 - OPENING EDUCATION RESOURCES (OER) FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEPLOYING E-LEARNING SOLUTIONS IN AFRICA

TIME: 9 AM TO 10:00 AM



Catriona Savage, UNESCO Education Sector, Paris, France

Presentation Title - A Way Forward for Open Educational Resources: deliberations of an international community



Bakary Diallo, Rector of the African Virtual University, Nairobi, Kenya – East Africa - *Presentation Title - The African Virtual University: Raising awareness through its OER Architecture*

COFFEE BREAK & THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

TIME: 10:00 – 10:30 AM

THEME 2 - OPENING ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN AFRICA

TIME: 10:30 – 11:30 AM



Moustapha Diack, Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA – Director, MERLOT Africa Network (MAN) - *Supporting Research and Education through the Adoption of Free and Open Access Publications*



Vikram Savkar, Senior Vice President and Publishing Director at Nature Publishing Group, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. - **OA CASE STUDY - Discovering the new science portal deployed by nature education to support global education**

ROUND TABLE – QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH PRESENTERS

Chair: Dr. Solomon Negash

TIME: 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

TIME: 12:00 – 2:00 PM



Gerry Hanley, Executive Director of MERLOT - California State University, CA - USA - **MERLOT: More than OER – Open Services to Support Education**

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

TIME: 2:00 – 5:00 PM

**Making the MERLOT Repository and Community part of your eLearning endeavors:
Opportunities for Higher Education in Africa**

Workshop Hosts: Dr. L. Franklin, Dr. S. Negash, Dr. M. Diack & Dr. G. Hanley



- **Workshop Participants will** become familiar with how to use the MERLOT eLearning repository and how to become a part of its Community. A primary aim of this workshop is to enable participants to develop plans to integrate MERLOT in their institutional/organizational eLearning programs.
 - **Workshop Participants will receive** a free full license of the LodeStar learning software.
 - **Participants to the Pan-African forum on OER/OA will receive Professional Development Certificate (PDC):** PDC will be signed by the organizations (MAN, eLA and AVU) attesting of their contribution to the PAN-AF Forum on OER and OA 2008.
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