Establishment of a multi-stakeholder e-Learning Centre in Namibia

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Need for eLC

• Namibia a large country with a small widely dispersed population with several regions in need of e-services for all, but with a strong vision to avoid duplication of efforts
• Very diverse educational institutions
• Primary-secondary-tertiary-private-vocational training institutions and governmental divisions
• All at different levels of e-activities and services
• Need to bring multiple stakeholders together and use one common Learning Management System (LMS)
Fact-finding Mission

• By InWEnt (German Capacity Building Institution) in January 28/29 2005 a result of 7 Namibians already trained by InWEnt through its eLDI programme

• All stakeholders presented current state of e-learning affairs

• Report of fact-finding mission

• Recommendations
  - University of Namibia spearhead (training)
  - Polytechnic assist with infrastructure
  - Efficiency for eLC based on a multi-stakeholder approach
Decision Maker workshop

• June 1/2 2005
• Initiated by Ministry of Education and Office of the Prime Minister in Namibia
• Supported and facilitated by InWEnt
• All together 16 stakeholders representing the PPPs in Namibia
• **Objective:** establishment of a multi-stakeholder e-Learning Centre
Decision Maker Workshop (Continued)

- Reach agreement in the use of a common platform (LMS)
- Prior research on LMSs helped in the decision – Kewl.NextGen - Avoir project
- Four taskforces were appointed
  - Management and Governance
  - Business/Financial Plan
  - Technical Audit
  - Policy
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eLC establishment

• eLC- established under auspices of the Namibian Open Learning Network Trust (NOLNet)
• NOLNet an existing open and distance learning network trust
• NOLNet eLC operational as a e-Learning Standing Committee and Management
Training - NOLNet eLC

• Workflow checklist from course idea – to implemented and facilitated course product - to guide all stakeholders

• Training of 40 representatives of all stakeholders in 2005, and 40 in 2006, through 4 courses of InWEnt‘s eLearning Development and Implementation programme content online
Training - NOLNet eLC (Continued)

• These four courses were:
  - Instructional Design
  - Content Development
  - e-Learning Management
  - Support of Virtual Learning Communities
Training - NOLNet eLC 2006 (Continued)

• Change Management Workshop (COL/Gesci)
• Storyboard Workshop (InWEnt)
• Production Workshop (COL)
• Technical Training Workshop (COL)
Training - NOLNet eLC 2006 (Continued)

- 10 course products were developed with a strong focus towards Namibia’s Development goals and MDGs
- Participation in further development of Kewl.NextGen
Key success factors

- All joining hands
- Driven by Ministry of Education and through ICT for education policy
- One common platform
- Transparency
- Training spearheaded by NOLNet eLC for multiplicators and champions to result in Training of trainers
Challenges

• Top Management Buy in
• Scarce resources but willing to work with existing infrastructure
• Sharing of content – Open license agreement
• Quality Assurance at various levels
• Existing e-content evaluation
Sustainability - NOLNet eLC

- serves as a service hub for all e-activities in Namibia
- Financial contributions from all stakeholders
- focus on regional collaboration, i.e. to become a SADC wide e-Learning Centre
- Continuous collaboration between NOLNet eLC, InWEnt, COL, and other cooperation partners to become an efficient and effective multi-stakeholder, sustainable e-Learning Centre.
Plans ahead

- NOLNet eLC coordinates the first eLDI Africa programme in collaboration with Common Sense, fully sponsored and supported by InWent
- Started 29 May – 2 June in Ethiopia with 25 participants from all over Africa
Welcome to NOLNet eLearning Centre Namibia

This is the eLearning platform of NOLNet eLearning Centre Namibia.

The eLearning Centre was established as a result of a multi-stakeholder approach to e-activities of Namibia under the auspices of Namibian Open Learning Network Trust (NOLNet). NOLNet is a trust that was established to promote the usage of open and distance learning, both in Namibia and also the SADC region. The stakeholders include NAMCOL.
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