Developing Quality Course Materials for ODL in Nigeria

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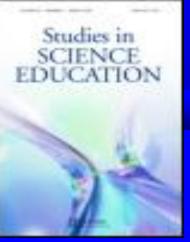








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Collateral Learning and the Eco-Cultural Paradigm in Science and Mathematics Education in Africa









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C21st Nigeria



Like all nations of the world, Nigeria aims for:

- an economy with sustainable development,
- highly educated, mobile and adaptable multi-skilled and multi-tasked workforce and,
- a knowledge and a learning society.



Economy and Development



- The World Bank reports informs us that
- The development frameworks and strides of Nigeria has direct relationship to
- Our economic progress
- Dictated in a large measure by the level and quality of education



Education and Level of Development



- The level of development of a country is directly related to its level of education.
- Consequently, illiteracy, poverty, low development indices have roots in low level of education.
- There is no gainsaying the fact therefore that education is the bedrock of development in any society.
- Education in must lay the foundation and become the building blocks.



The Starting Point



- The obvious place to begin with laying the foundation for sustainable development
- is within Higher Education,
- especially in reorienting Universities,
- to meaningfully and appropriately contribute to the development of capacity
- at all levels and sectors of the country.

Access: a 21 st Century Imperative for Nigeria



FGN and Access



- From Independence, through the National Policy on Education of 1977 to the current Ministerial Strategic Plan 2016-2019,
- Nigeria has always had explicit and priority call for access to education to all learners.
- As a public good, a fundamental human right that should be inclusive and equitable. The Federal Government of Nigeria has adopted as stated in the NPE the following:
- "policies which were to be directed towards ensuring that there are equal and adequate educational opportunities at all levels".



Ministerial Directive



- the Ministerial Strategic Plan of 2016–2019 directed that
 - 'an increase be made on access to university education by seven per cent every year for the next three years,
 - in addition to establishing additional higher education institutions'.



Presidential Retreat



- The Communiqué of The Presidential Retreat on Education held at The State House Conference Centre, Presidential Villa, Abuja, on Monday, November 13, 2017, noted that
 - higher education deserves special attention given that the development of a country is directly and indirectly influenced by the quality of human resources produced by its higher education system.



Priority to ODL



- The Presidential Retreat recommended that:
 - *access to quality higher education should also be expanded through the enhancement of the carrying capacity of the Nigerian higher education sector.
 - The expansion of the open and distance learning delivery system at all levels of education should be given priority'.



NUC Formalised DLCs



- NUC formalised the opening of distance learning centres in eight conventional universities
 - University of Ibadan, Ibadan;
 - Obafemi Awolowo University of Ile-Ife;
 - University of Lagos, Akoka;
 - University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri;
 - Modibo Adama University of Technology, Yola;
 - University of Abuja, Abuja;
 - Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso; and
 - Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria



NUC Licenced DLCs



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University of Benin

Ekiti State University

University of Maiduguri

Federal University of Technology, Minna

University of Ilorin

Joseph Ayo Babalola University University of Nigeria and

Osun State University

University of Port Harcourt.



What's in a Name?



- Distance Learning Centre/Institute
- Distance Education Centre
- Virtual Campus/ Centre/ University
- E-Learning Centre
- Computer Enhanced Learning Centre
- Open, Distance and Electronic Learning (ODeL)

Define tools and resources and do what you say you are



Dual Mode: Implications



- Parity of course content between F2F and distance learners.
- Provision of adequate and suitable facilities that will be accessible to learners and facilitate their learning experience.
- Adequate provision of learner support services in DL
- Adequacy of qualified academic and administrative staff
- Flexibility in course duration
- Sufficient commitment of Management to DL operations.
- Staff: workload, financial reward, publication reward



Why Distance Education?



Indices of indispensability

- Demographic Trends (Nigeria is 195.3 M)
- Rise in Enrolment (25% admitted annually)
- Life-long, Life-wide and Life-enabled learning
- Globalisation
- Explosion of Knowledge



NPE Embeds ODL



- "make life-long education the basis for the nation's education policy"
- "after primary education an individual will be able to choose between full-time studies, combining work with studies...alternative mode of learning"
- "the education system is structured to develop the practice of self-learning".

Dimensions

Temporal

Learning Society

Adult

Formal

Informal

Non formal

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Varied learning styles

Sharing with others

Self-directed learning

Flexibility in time, space, content

Home

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Spatial



What is DL?



- DL has many labels: 'Correspondence', Telematic, 'Distributed', E-learning, 'Online Learning', 'Virtual Learning'
- Instruction by a mode other than the conventional face-to-face method
- Characterised by physical separation between the teacher and the learner, instruction delivered through a variety of
- Media including print, and other information communication technologies to learners



Characteristics



- cost-effective system of instruction independent of time, location, pace and space
- used for a variety of learning situations: primary, secondary, tertiary, vocational and non-formal education
- thrives on economy of scale
- focused on QA, well designed instructional packages, student support,



History of ODL in Nigeria



- 1947 Oxford University Extra mural studies at the UCI
- GCE of London and Cambridge as correspondence
- Rapid Results College and Wosley Hall as first set of organised distance learning programmes in Africa
- 1960 English Radio Programme by NBC, ETP of NTV
- 1972 ABU University of the Air
- 1974 COSU, COSIT, DLI of UNILAG (first tertiary Dual mode Univ)
- **1978 NTI**
- **1983 NOU (planning started in 1976)**
- UI 1988, UNIFE (OAU) 2003
- **2002 NOUN**
- Other DLI/DLC



Death of distance



'The death of distance as a determinant of the cost of communications will probably be the single most important economic force shaping society in the first half of the next century'.

Caincross (1997)



Mass Education



Open and Distance Learning:

- weapon of mass instruction
- democratises and liberalises education
- flexible and life long
- quality assured and includes all
- allows individualised learning and at own pace



Features of F2F



- Campus facilities/infrastructure
- Reputation of lecturer
- Prescribed entry standards
- Prescribed course content
- Exam and assessment requirements
- Limited and organised student support
- Learning resources assembled and limited to a location



Features of DL



- Diverse expertise academics, tutorial facilitators, editors, producers, Counsellors
- Prescribed entry standards
- Self instructional courseware & learning resources
- Efficient learner support services
- Multi-tier exam/assessment procedures
- Infrastructure ICT, studios, printing facilities etc



Common Grounds



- Course Content
- Learning outcomes:
 - knowledge, skills, abilities
- Measured through:
 - assignments and exams
 - demonstration of ability
 - portfolios/samples of work
 - ability to apply knowledge
 - employment etc





ODL Scenario



Same Place

Different Place

Same Time

classroom, f2f tutorials, workshops, laboratories

Audio, video, radio, TV, telephone tutorials

Different Time

Study/Community
Centres

Home study, computer conferencing, email fax, web-based learning

Resourcing a distance teaching higher institution



Need to Learn



Assessment

- Self Assessment
- Assessment Tasks

Assessor

- Life Experience
- Work Place

Practical Application

Mentor/Tutor



Knowledge Acquisition

- Print CD-Rom
- Internet Video
- Broadcast

Team

- -Author
- -Instructional Designer
- -Etc.

Reflection

- S e If
- Peers

Tutor

Facilitation Team



ODL Scaffoldings



- There are two important elements in starting quality distance Learning programmes
 - ICT and
 - Course materials
- the major distinguishing features between face-to-face and distance learning instructions.
- See Pages 36 to 40 of the Workshop Document



Design Strategy Document



- What type of course/learning materials are we creating?
- What sections will our materials contain?
- What is the intended audience to use the materials? Who will benefit from them?
- What resources are available for us to design materials?
- How and when to assess students, evaluate the effectiveness of the materials we designed?



Delivery Modes



- print
- telephone
- audiocassettes
- videocassettes e-learning
- radio broadcast m-learning
- **TV** broadcast

- CD-Rom/VCD/DVD
- computers
- multimedia

 - **Open Educational** Resources



Process of Course Material Development



- Appoint Coordinator(s)
- Invite experts
- Determine Syllabus/Curriculum
- Assemble a Course Team
- Provide House style template and other guidelines
- Manage process of writing
- Conduct Peer Review
- Pretest before release to the students (Public)
- Collect feedback from Students
- Improve





Design of Material



- **Team Approach**
- Instructional Multimedia design
- Blueprint
- Usually 9-12 months head start
- **Cycle of review**



Problems & issues



- content Vs learner
 - different approach, flexibility, individuals needs
- choice of technology
 - selection is crucial, purpose, lowtech
- learner isolation
 - geography, time, access, communication, social negotiation



Course Materials



Course Material Development

Course Guide Study materials Course Material Acquisition

Delivery Modes

Developed from scratch

Copen Educational Resources



Course Materials



Development Team
Content Expert
Instructional Designer
Editor
Graphic Designer
Web master

Course Material Development

Delivery Modes

- •Outline Programme Proposal
- •Detailed Programme Proposal

Design
Strategy
Document
or
Blueprint

Peer Review

Developed from scratch

- •new materials
- •new format
- •library search





Course Materials



Course Material Acquisition

Delivery Modes

Open
Educational
Resources

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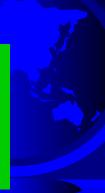
Course adoption

Course adaptation

Other Means

- acquired
- minor revision
- •10% modified

- •Acquired/existing
- •Major revision
- •>30% modified/addition





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OER Initiatives: Future Mainstreaming OER





National Policy on Open Educational Resources for Higher Education



August 2017

- Finalised the Development of a National Policy on Open Educational Resources.
- The OER Policy to be ratified and operational by the end of July, 2018.
- **The URL is: www.nusoer.org**
- By the end of this November 2017, all universities would have uploaded information about their OER materials on the website.
- Massive capacity development in OER being planned for higher education institutions, teachers and students.
- Long term future plan is to extend the OER to the lower levels of education.

Prepared under the auspices of the National Universities Commission



Need of Distance Learners



- more choices: courses, mode of study
- quality in instruction and learning
- recognition of previous learning experience
- use of portfolio for assessment and projects
- friendly and supportive learning environment
- flexible and personalised instruction



Factors to Consider



In Course material Development, consider:

- Pedagogical Issues
- Choice of software and range of modes
- Learner Support and Facilitation
- Cost
- Staff Training & Development

Conclusion



Desper@tely Needed



- supportive, learner-centered and collaborative learning environment
- more attention paid to the learning process in ODL
- effective use of technology to truly support teaching and learning
- elimination of learner isolation
- new instructional model for online teaching and learning



Webagogy



Web-based environment

Learning theories

Instructional strategies

Cognitive constructivism

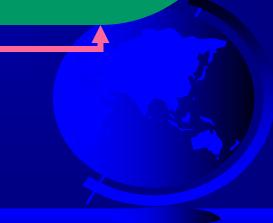
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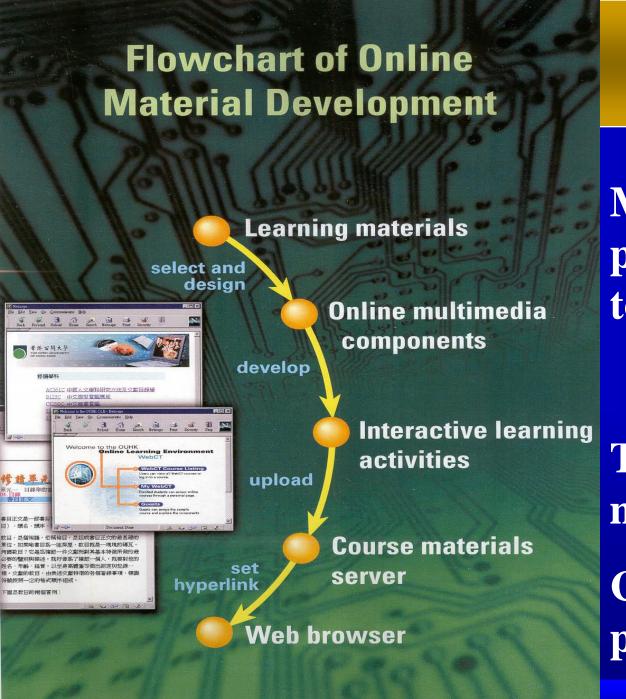
epistemology, pedagogical strategies New instructional model

Web-based Communication

- type
- •time element

- •Hyperlink
- Associative
- •Non-linear structures







Many courses and programmes now choose to have online materials

This is for online material development

Can be adapted to suit peculiar situations



Juality Assurance



Institutional

•Blueprint

•Strategic Plan

•ICT Plan

•Servicom

Programme

Assignments& Development Examinations

(Technology)

Delivery Mode | Course Materials **Development**

Learner Support & Other supports

OPP

DPP

Print

Audio/Video

Broadcast

E-Learning



Enjoy the rest of the Workshop

