

TVETA Receives Support from Commonwealth of Learning for Piloting of ODeL Standard and ODeL Accreditation tool

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Introduction

The Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) has received support from the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) for capacity building of its staff, TVET institutions, TVET trainers, and other stakeholders on Open, Distance and Flexible Learning (ODeL) standards and ODeL assessment tool. The activity will be undertaken between the months of February 2023 and June 2023.

Objectives of the project

The three main objectives of the project are, to:

1. facilitate capacity building of TVETA staff in quality audits and accreditation of TVET institutions that offer ODeL programmes;
2. conduct advocacy, sensitisation and awareness creation sessions on the use of ODeL standards and ODeL accreditation tool in the TVET sub-sector; and
3. conduct ODeL pilot quality audit visits to targeted TVET institutions.

Expected project outcome

Overall, the project is expected to improve the capacity of TVETA staff and other stakeholders in assessing the quality of ODeL programmes in the TVET sub-sector. This will directly build the resilience of the ODeL model in Kenya's TVET system.

Memorandum of Understanding

While signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), TVETA Director General Dr Kipkirui Lang'at appreciated the support that Kenya has received from COL over the years especially in supporting programmes touching on the integration of ICT in teaching and learning.

He said "this funding will go a long way in helping TVETA to identify the existing gaps and emerging issues in ODeL programmes, ODeL standards and the ODeL accreditation tool that needs to be addressed as a matter of priority"

"The integration of ICT in teaching and learning in Kenya is a significant national policy issue which requires continuous monitoring and evaluation, and this is a key strategic area for TVETA" Dr Kipkirui Lang'at stated.

On his part, COL's Adviser: Skills reaffirmed COL's commitment to supporting the integration of ICT in TVET throughout Africa, including Kenya.

Mr. Okinda added, "We are pleased that Kenya has identified ICT integration in education as a priority area and in this regard, COL would continue supporting Kenya's programmes aimed at improving the effectiveness of its TVET system."

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Who Are We:

a) TVETA

The Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) is a public corporate agency in Kenya established under the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Act No. 29 of 2013 to regulate and coordinate training in the country through licensing, registration and accreditation of programs, institutions, and trainers. Section 7 of the Act, 2013 gives the powers and functions of the Authority to regulate and coordinate training; inspect, license and register and accredit training institutions; accredit and inspect programmes and courses; promote access and relevance of training programmes; determine the national technical and vocational training objectives; assure quality and relevance in programmes of training among other functions.

b) The Commonwealth of Learning (COL)

The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) was established in 1987 by Commonwealth Heads of Government. According to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Commonwealth of Learning, the main focus of COL is to create and widen access to opportunities for learning, making use of the potential offered by distance education and by the application of communication technologies to education. Thus, COL is committed to promoting equitable access to quality lifelong learning for all – believing, in effect, that access to learning opportunities will lead to progress in achieving sustainable development.