

Concept note Information Session 3rd WOERC

Project title
Information Session for UNESCO Member States on the 3rd UNESCO World OER Congress
Date and Venue
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27 September 2024 from 15:00 pm to 16:00 pm• Room XI, Fontenoy Building, UNESCO Headquarters
Background
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 3rd UNESCO World Open Educational Resources (OER) Congress, themed "Digital Public Goods: Open Solutions and AI for Inclusive Access to Knowledge," is scheduled to take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 19-20 November 2024.• Building on the UNESCO 2019 Recommendation on OER and celebrating its five-year anniversary, the World Congress will focus on knowledge sharing, capacity building, and policy support concerning digital public goods for learning.• The World OER Congress will contribute to the follow-up of the Global Digital Compact, advocating for digital commons as public goods and supporting the 2025 review process of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).
Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide an update on preparations for the 3rd UNESCO World OER Congress.• To mobilize Member States to participate actively in the event• To provide details on how Member States can contribute towards the final outcome document. The process involves six regional consultations, followed by a period of 3 weeks during which the outcome document will be open for comments and feedback.
Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is a one-hour Information Session chaired by the Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information (ADG CI).• Interpretation will be available in English and French.
Expected Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More Member States participate actively in the event, ensuring a broader range of perspectives and contributions.• A high-quality and broad-based input to the outcome document of the event.
Gender Equality Perspective
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A balanced representation of voices, prioritizing the inclusion of women representatives in the Information Session will be ensured.
Contribution to Africa, SIDS, Youth

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants from Member States in Africa and SIDS will be strongly encouraged to participate in the Congress and are central to programme implementation.
Target Audience/Beneficiaries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO Member States
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Collaboration with Other Sectors/CI Sections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcome document will be presented in this information session as the result of six regional consultations conducted in collaboration with UNESCO field offices and the Education Sector, Future of Learning and Innovation Division • This cooperation will be particularly emphasized during Digital Learning Week in September.
Outside Partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 3rd UNESCO World OER Congress will be hosted by the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation (MBRF), with the support of the Hewlett Foundation.
Participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx 150 participants. Invitations will be sent to Permanent Delegations