



**SADC-CDE:
“The Conversation” Seminar Series
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Objective 1



To produce ODL research that is responsive to UNISA's vision of 'the African University shaping futures in the service of humanity'.



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Objective 2



To build capacity aimed at improving the quality and coverage of higher education through the open distance learning (ODL) mode.

Focus on technology assisted teaching, learning & research

(a) Digital Proficiency

(b) Digital Literacy, and

(c) Digital Fluency.

Objective 3



To position the UNESCO Chair as a Southern African regional hub for integrated system of research, training, information sharing and documentation of ODeL.



Objective 4



To align UNISA with international ODL role players in order to facilitate exchange and collaboration in the delivery of quality distance education and service to humanity.



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United Nation (UN)'s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



SDGs Convergence



SDG4 is about advocacy of universal primary and secondary education (Universal Youth Literacy):

- **Early childhood development and universal pre-primary education;**
- **Equal success to technical/vocational and higher education;**
- **Provision of relevant skills for decent work;**
- **Assurance for gender equality and inclusion;**
- **Provision of education for sustainable development and global citizenship**



The Global COVID-19 Pandemic



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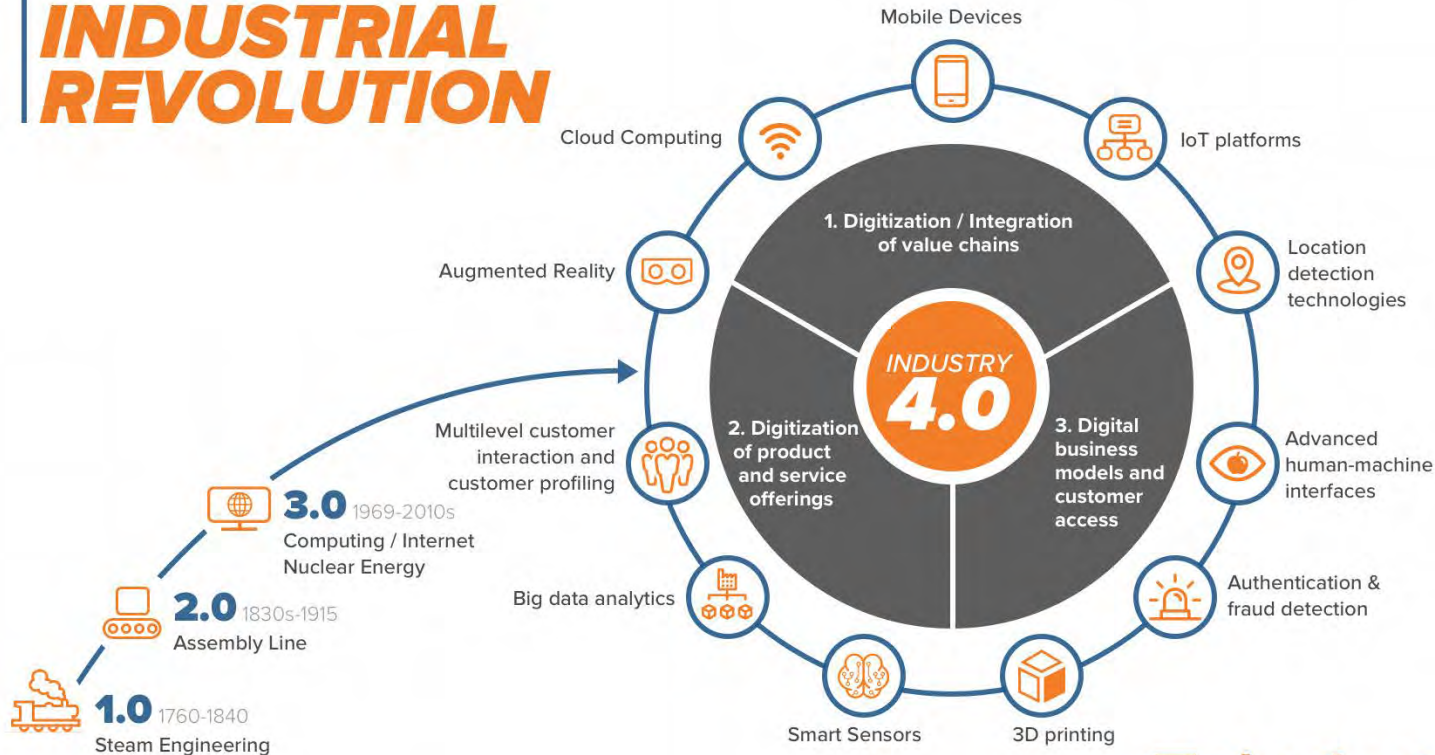
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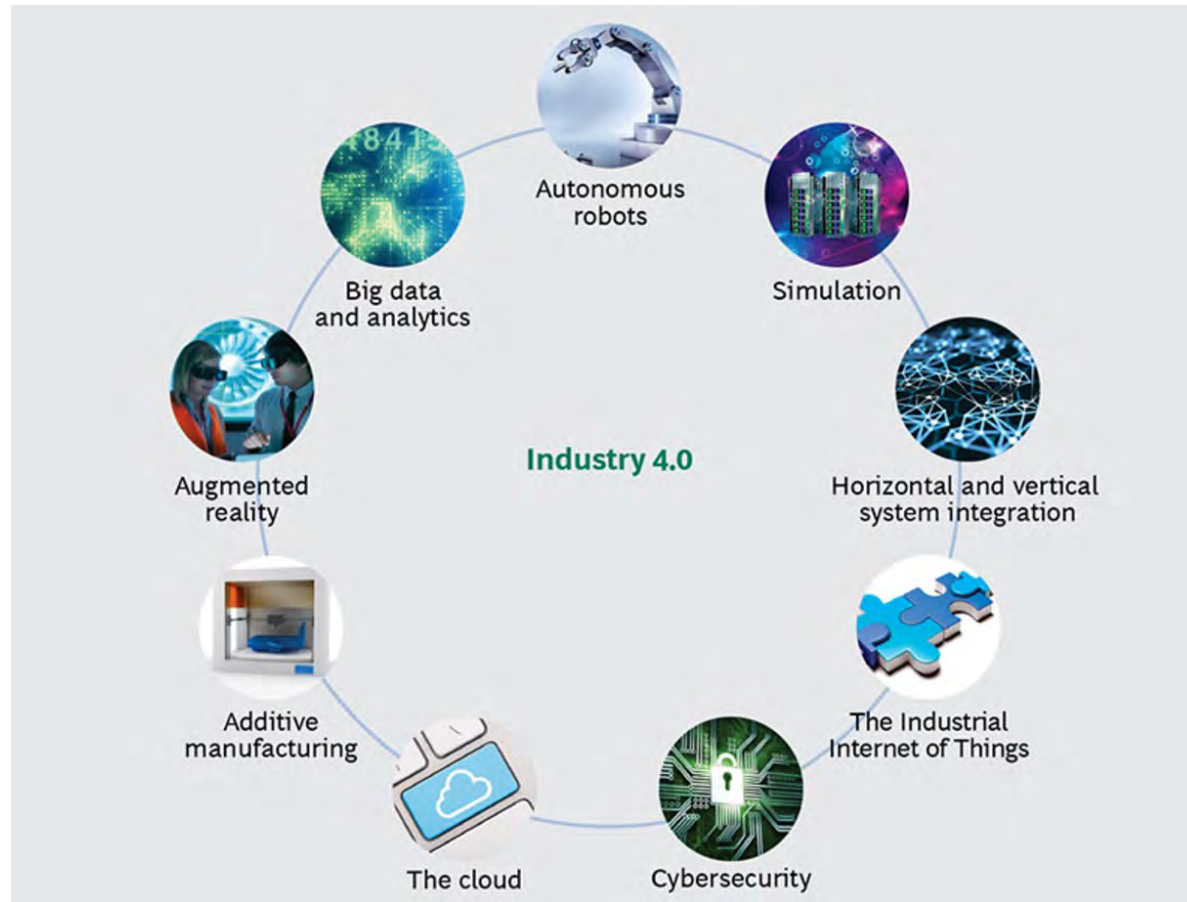

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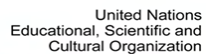
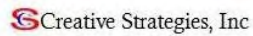
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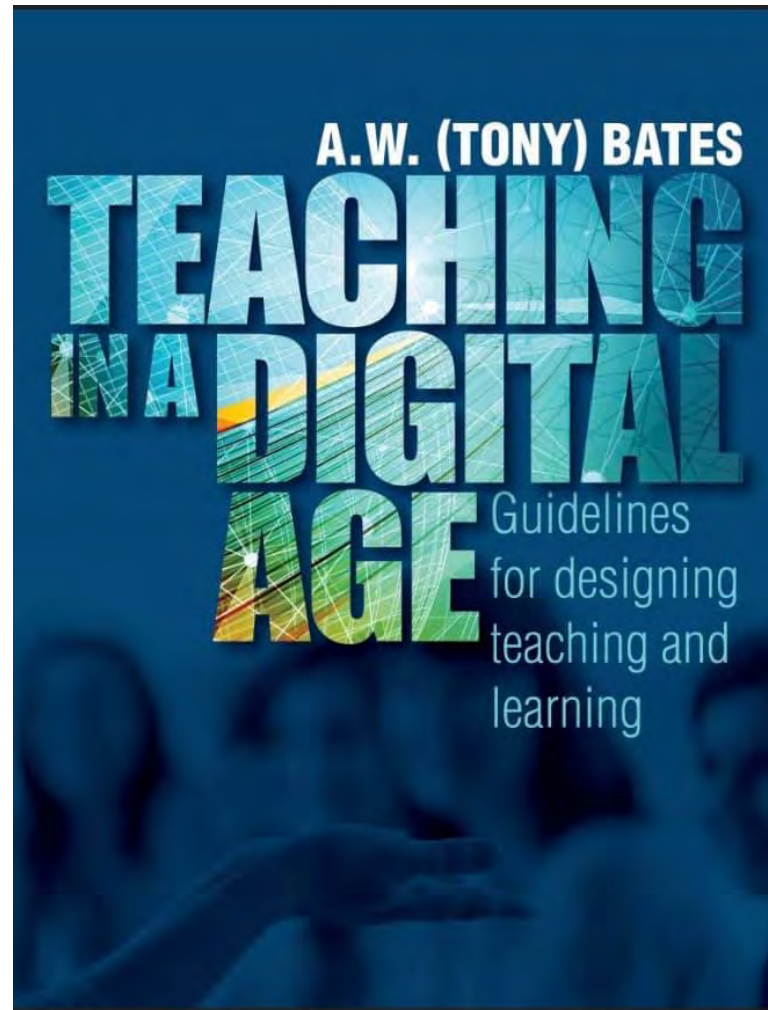
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Internet of Things



Teaching in a Digital Age



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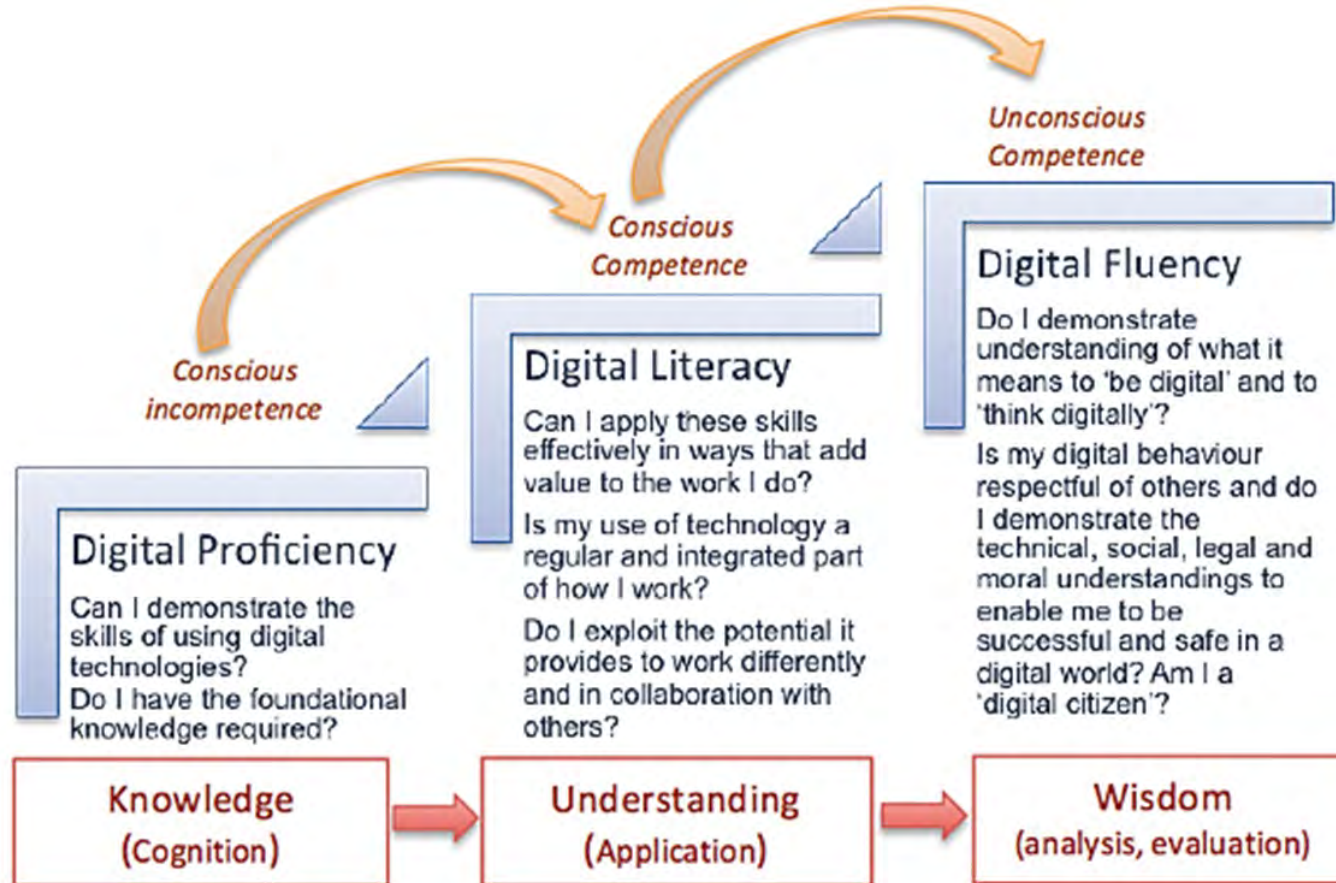
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Digital Competence (ODL Capacity)



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Trends in Open Distance e-Learning



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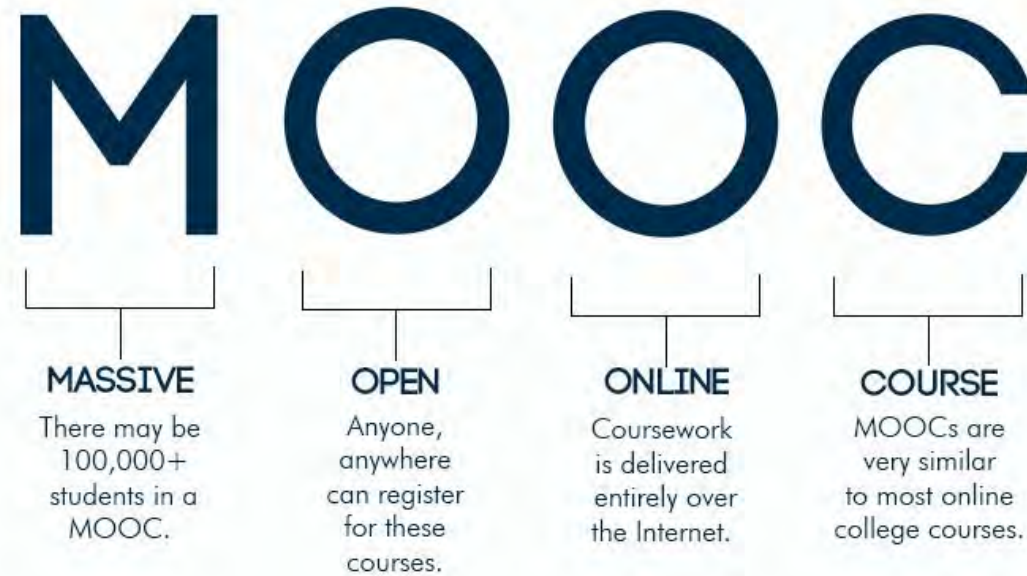
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Trends in ODeL



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New Trends in ODeL



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Partnerships with ODeL Practitioners






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THE UNESCO CHAIR ON OPEN DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL)

invites you to a webinar titled

Are We ready for seamless learning in an open education system?



Presenter: Dr Helga Hambrock

Date: Monday, 26 July 2021

Time: 15:00 – 17:00

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/2UkHxUB>

Contact: unescochairodl@unisa.ac.za

Dr. Helga Hambrock is an Adjunct Professor of Educational Technology and Instructional Design for Masters and PhD students, as well as a Senior Instructional Designer at the Concordia University Chicago. She is on PhD committees as reviewer and external examiner for international universities. Her passion lies in the improvement of education by utilizing technologies and methodologies, with a specific focus on mobile and seamless learning. During the year of completing her PhD studies in South Africa in 2016, on the use of smartphones by students in and out of class, she moved to the USA and settled in Chicago. Over the past years her interest in global collaboration has grown to address common challenges and to find common solutions in the field of education. She joined the International Association for Mobile Learning (iAmLearn) in 2016 and was on the EXCO as member at large for two years and as Vice President for the past two years. A Global Research Project was initiated by her in 2018. She has published articles and book chapters and received a Global Outreach Award for initiating Blended learning training for Early Childhood Centre caregivers in Southern Africa in 2019. A book published by IGI where she contributed a chapter, was selected as part of a collection for eLearning resources for all USA schools. Her latest accomplishment is the publication of an e-book with collaborators on seamless learning and current projects include a Africa and Middle East Investigation on Innovation and she again leads the Global Research Project 2021-2022 on Seamless learning implementation in all environments.




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THE UNESCO CHAIR ON OPEN DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL)

invites you to a seminar titled

How ODL Can Potentially Turn COVID-19 Challenges Into Opportunities

This event is the first for the year under the theme *"Streamlining the Future of Open Distance eLearning"*.



Presenter: Prof Moeketsi Letseka

Date: Wednesday, 10 February 2021

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Meeting link: [Click here](#)

Contact: unescochairodl@unisa.ac.za

How does Open Distance Learning (ODL) respond to this global pandemic? Mainstream campus-based and contact higher education institutions have closed doors and are now challenged to create the necessary and sustainable infrastructure to enable online learning. What will the future University look like? How is the change to working from home playing itself out? What are emerging opportunities? In this seminar we look at how these opportunities can be harnessed and consolidated.

Prof Moeketsi Letseka is holder of the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Chair of Open Distance Learning (ODL) at the University of South Africa (UNISA). He is professor of Philosophy of Education and Editor-in-Chief of Africa Education Review, a scholarly journal that is jointly published by UNISA Press and Taylor & Francis in the UK.




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Presenter: Prof Som Naidu

Date: Wednesday, 14 April 2021

Time: 09:00 – 11:00

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/2Qv7814>

Contact: unescochairodl@unisa.ac.za

Prof Som Naidu is an educational technologist with extensive experience in the enhancement of learning and teaching at all levels of education across all sectors, in a variety of jurisdictions. This includes leadership roles and an extensive and internationally reputable profile in both developing contexts such as the South Pacific, South Asia, Africa, to developed regions such as New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom, USA and Australia. His doctoral qualification is in *Educational Technology* from Concordia University in Montreal, Canada and he has spent sabbaticals both in the UK and USA. He possesses a solid grounding in the theory and practice of learning and teaching with special interest in the application of technology in teaching and learning. This has included teaching, research and development, as well as supporting other teachers in their engagement with learning and teaching with technology in a variety of roles at several Australian universities (including the University of Melbourne, University of Southern Queensland and Charles Sturt University), and as inaugural Pro-Vice Chancellor and Director, Center for Flexible Learning, at the University of the South Pacific. A former president of the *Open and Distance Learning Association of Australia* (<https://odlaa.org/>), Prof Naidu has served as executive editor of its journal *Distance Education* (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/odpe20/current>) since 1997. In May 2014 the Open University of Sri Lanka awarded the professor a *D.Litt. (Honoris Causa)* in recognition of his extensive contribution to the field of open, flexible, distance and e-learning both regionally and internationally. In July 2020, Advance Higher Education (UK), admitted him as Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy for his commitment, contribution and strategic leadership in the scholarship of learning and teaching.




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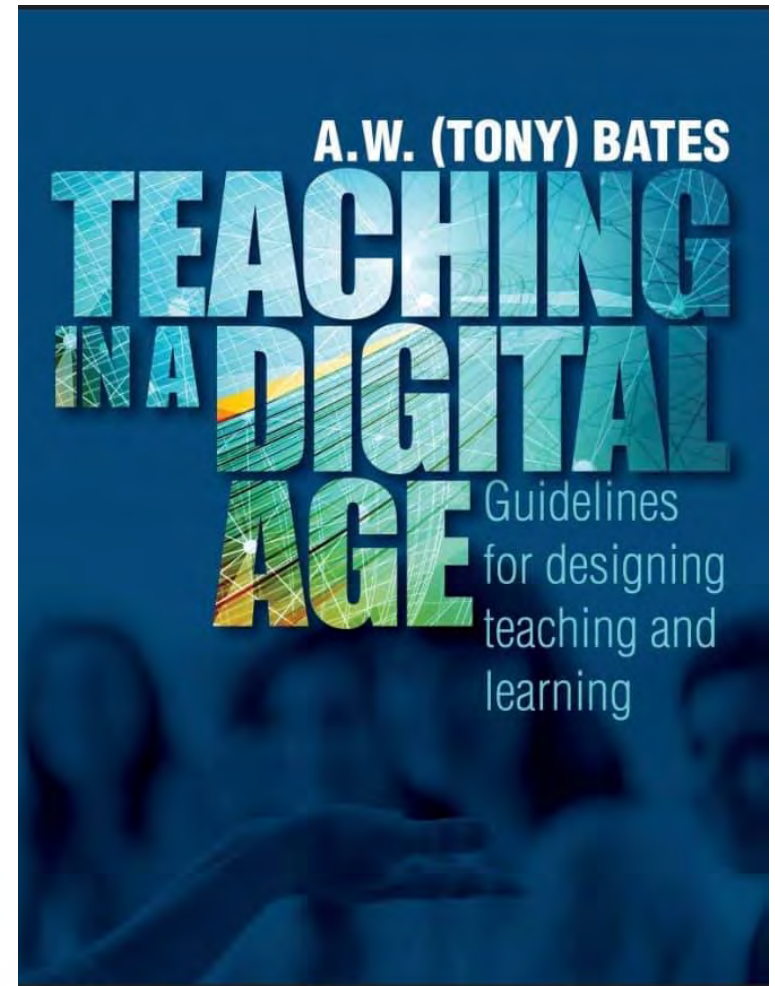
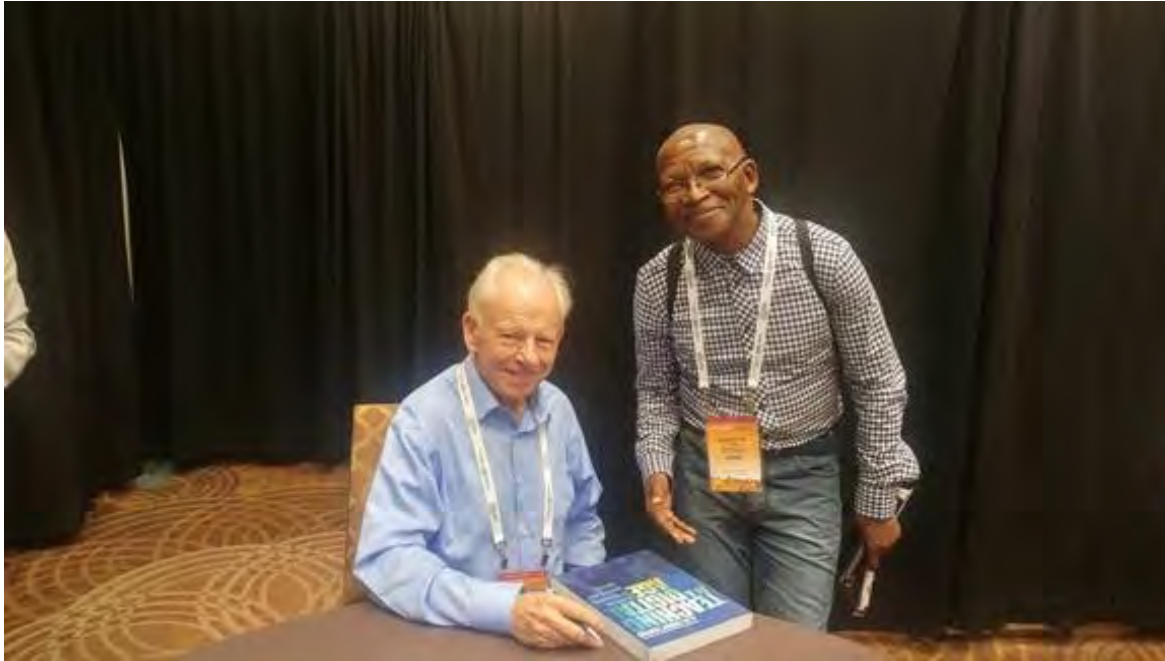
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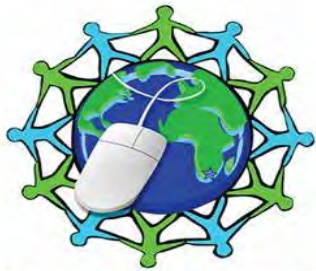
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UNESCO Chair: Teaching in an ODL Digital World

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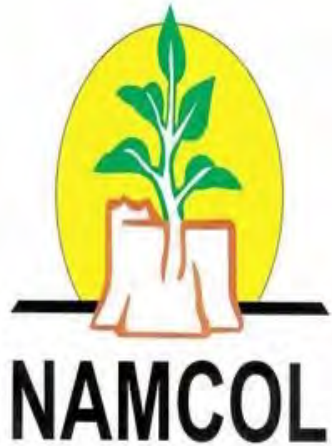
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