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

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Overview

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- **Fact-finding mission**
- **Decision Maker Workshop**
- **Establishment of NOLNet eLC**
- **eLC workflow, course developments, training to stakeholders**
- **Success factors**
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- **Sustainability**
- **Plans ahead – beyond Namibian borders**



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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)



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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



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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



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Training - NOLNet eLC 2006 (Continued)

- Change Management Workshop (COL/Gesci)
- Storyboard Workshop (InWEnt)
- Production Workshop (COL)
- Technical Training Workshop (COL)



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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



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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 multipliers 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



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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.



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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

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- Header:** "The Namibian Open Learning Network Trust" with contact information: P.O. Box 97400, Windhoek, Namibia; Tel: +264 (0) 61 320 5111; Fax: +264 (0) 61 216 978. Logos for "Net" and "inVent Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung gGmbH" are present, along with "Global Campus 21".
- Login Section:** Fields for "Username:" and "Password:" with a "Login" button. Links for "Forgot your password?" and "Registration Register" are also visible.
- Center Content:** "Welcome to NOLNet eLearning Centre Namibia" with a sub-header "This is the eLearning platform of NOLNet eLearning Centre Namibia". Below this is a paragraph: "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 NAMCOI..."
- Right Sidebar:** "Skinz" section with a "Select Skin:" dropdown menu (currently showing "KEWL The Next Gen") and a "Go" button. Below it is "Our other sites" with a list of links: "AVOIR development site", "CVS & bug tracking", "KEWL 1.x development", and "NetTel@Africa KEWL".

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