

Open Training Platform

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United Nations University joins UNESCO's Open Training Platform

The United Nations University (UNU) is the ninth UN agency to join the Open Training Platform (OTP). This UNESCO-powered hub offers free training resources on 21 development topics, fostering cooperation to provide free and open content for development.

At present, OTP regroups partners from all UN agencies (FAO, ILO/ITC, ITU, UNESCO, UNITAR, UNU, UNV, WHO and UNEP), worldwide development practitioners, as well as regional and local NGOs and CBOs.

This one year old web portal keeps on growing in terms of content (2100 resources in April, +100 in March only), traffic (60,000 visits since its creation) and members sharing resources (1500).

In order to further assess the use and usefulness of the Platform, as well as to identify improvement needs, a wide-scale evaluation starts today online.

All open training users are invited to assess **OTP** through a personalized survey. The evaluation is based on reports and feedbacks from:

- * **learners,**
- * **trainers and teachers,**
- * **development stakeholders (international or local),**
- * **OPT members (content providers), and**
- * **OTP Advisory Board Members.**

You are therefore invited to participate in this survey available from:
www.opentrainingplatform.org.

In addition to the "Training-on-demand" function already available, new services will be available shortly, such as the Francophone version and the customisation option for any interested communities or networks. These parallel efforts aim to even better serve the local people learning needs and to reinforce the active participation of development stakeholders.

www.opentrainingplatform.org is a hub to free and open learning for development: make it yours!

Links:

Capetown Open Education Declaration

<http://www.capetowndeclaration.org/>

Commonwealth of Learning

<http://www.col.org/>

Driver

<http://www.driver-community.eu/>

Free Software Foundation

<http://www.fsf.org/>

First Monday

<http://www.firstmonday.org/>

Global Text Project

<http://globaltext.terry.uga.edu/?q=node/1>

Golden Swamp

<http://www.goldenswamp.com/>

Mitopencourseware

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/web/home/home/index.htm>

New Zealand Digital Library

<http://nzdl.sadl.uleth.ca/cgi-bin/library>

Olcos

<http://www.olcos.org/english/home/>

OpenCourse.org

<http://opencourse.org/>

Open Education Commons

<http://oercommons.org/>

Open Educational Content

http://www.wikieducator.org/Open_Educational_Content

Open Learn Initiative - Open University (uk)

<http://openlearn.open.ac.uk/>

Open-Source E-Learning Toolkit

http://www.eclass.net/pub/EClass_Web_Site_1.htm

People's Open Access Education Initiative

<http://www.peoples-uni.org>

United Nations University

<http://www.unu.edu/>

WikiEducator

http://www.wikieducator.org/Main_Page

World Information Transfer

<http://www.worldinfo.org/>