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Launch of the UNESCO Open Educational Resources Platform and the UNESCO/Commonwealth of Learning OER Policy Guidelines

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Room X, UNESCO HQ, Paris, France

Under the auspices of

Ms Irina Bokova
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Special guests

The Honourable Stanley Mutumba Simataa
Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology of Namibia

Sir John Daniel
President and CEO of the Commonwealth of Learning

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Description

Open educational resources (OER) are any type of educational materials in the public domain, or released with an open license, that allows users to legally and freely use, copy, adapt, and re-share.

The UNESCO *Open Educational Resources Platform* is a first-ever, innovative online Platform offering selected UNESCO publications as open educational resources. The OER Platform will be launched with an OER version of the UNESCO Model Curricula for Journalism Education with shared OER adaptations from the Polytechnic of Namibia and the University of Namibia.

The UNESCO/COL *Guidelines on Open Educational Resources in Higher Education* outlines key issues and suggestions for integrating OER into higher education to support quality teaching and learning. The aim of this document, prepared by the Secretariat, is to encourage educational stakeholders to invest in the production, adaptation, and use of OER, and to improve the quality of curricula and teaching.

The Launch will be live-streamed on the internet :

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The Twitter hashtag for the Launch is: #oerlaunch

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