**Presentation title**  
“Whither OER: UNESCO Chairs in OER: Actions in Networks”

**Presentation Abstract**  
The presentation will focus on the Plan of Action developed by the Chairs and their network of partners and be followed by discussion of key issues.

Two main Lines of Action will be reported on:
1) Global OER Graduate Network (GO-GN: priority PhD level) (coordinator OUNL)  
   An outline of the setup of the network, the operational issues, the partnership and how to get involved will be presented.
2) OER Knowledge Cloud (coordinator AU)  
   The purpose of the Cloud, the different publication modalities and the first publication based on the Cloud will be presented.  
   Two enabling Lines of Action will also be described:
3) Global OER Map of national and institutional OER initiatives  
   The current status of the collaborative mapping initiative will be presented and participation invited.
4) Global balance in the network of UNESCO Chairs in OER  
   Newly recognized UNESCO Chairs will be presented.
5) Volunteers for Learning Services to OER in Developing Countries  
   The idea is to build a network of tenured academic staff members who are retired or about to retire and invite them to offer Learning Services to complement OER.  
   In addition, many students spend part of their study in a developing country and show a strong interest to maintain links with this country. They can also be volunteers.

Discussion will focus on the following topics:
1. How to connect the Knowledge Cloud to existing information, where the Cloud is focusing on providing access to research results presented in different forms (reports, articles, books, blogs, etc.).
2. What are relevant research topics and research questions for the OER Graduate Network.
3. How to best encourage the collaborative development of a global map of OER initiatives.
4. How to build and support the volunteers network for learning services.

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