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Ljubljana, Slovenia

2nd World Open Educational Resources (OER) Congress

OER for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education: From Commitment to Action

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Congress Programme

Sunday 17, September 2017

15:00 – 20:00

Registration (*Grand Reception Hall*)

DAY 1 – Monday 18, September 2017 (*Linhart Hall*)

8:00 – 8:45

Registration and Welcome Coffee (*Grand Reception Hall*)

9:00

Congress Opening

Master of Ceremonies: **Mr Igor E. Bergant**, RTV Slovenia

Opening Statements:

H.E. Dr Milan Brglez, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia

Ms Irina Bokova, Director General, UNESCO (Video Message)

Mr Getachew Engida, Deputy Director General, UNESCO

Mr Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

Ms Asha Kanwar, President and CEO, Commonwealth of Learning

10:00

Keynote Speech: H.E. Dr Maja Makovec Brenčič, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia

10:30

Bureau Election

10:45

Group Photo and Coffee Break (*Linhart hall - Foyer 1*)

11:30

Ministerial Panel: The Importance of OER for SDG 4 from the National Perspective

Moderator: **Mr Indrajit Banerjee**, UNESCO, Director, Knowledge Societies Division

13:00

Lunch Break (*Grand Reception Hall*)

14:30

Presentation: Results of the 6 Regional Consultations on OER

Ms Asha Kanwar, President and CEO, Commonwealth of Learning

15:30

Presentation: "Ljubljana OER Action Plan 2017"

Mr Indrajit Banerjee, Director, Knowledge Societies Division, UNESCO

Ms Zeynep Varoglu, Knowledge Societies Division, UNESCO

16:00 - 17:30

Panel Discussion: "What Actions for Greatest Impact?"

Mr Abdul Khan, Sir John Daniel, Mr Dirk Van Damme, Ms Cathy Casserly

Moderator: **Ms Stamenka Uvalic-Trumbic**

19:30 - 22:00

Networking Dinner hosted by H.E. Dr Maja Makovec Brenčič, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia
(*National Gallery of Slovenia, Prešernova cesta 24, Ljubljana*)

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 19 September 2017

9:00		Keynote Speech: Mr Ryan Merkley , Chief Executive Officer, Creative Commons
9:30	Linhart hall	Introduction to Group Discussions: Mainstreaming OER Practices Ms Zeynep Varoglu and Mr Fengchun Miao , UNESCO
10:00 – 12:30 [Coffee Break 11:00-11:30]		Group Discussions: Mainstreaming OER Practices
	Room E1	1. Users' capacity to access, reuse and share OER Facilitator: Mr V. Balaji , (COL)
	Room E2	2. Issues related to language and culture Facilitator: Ms Z. Varoglu (UNESCO)
	Room E3	3. Ensuring inclusive and equitable access to quality OER Facilitator: Mr S. Mishra (COL)
	Room E4	4. The need to change business models (Jermol, UNESCO OER Chair) Facilitator: Mr M. Jermol (UNESCO OER Chair)
	Room M2	5. The development of supportive policy environments Facilitator: Ms F. Miao (UNESCO)
10:00 – 12:30	Club CD	Ministerial Round Table (by Invitation Only) Chair: H.E. Dr Maja Makovec Brenčič , Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia
12:30		Lunch Break (Grand Reception Hall)
14:00		Group Discussion Outputs Presentation (Rapporteurs of Groups 1 to 5)
14:30	Linhart hall	Plenary Session: Contributions of OER to SDG4 – From Commitments to Actions Moderator: Mr David Atchoarena , Director, Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, UNESCO
15:30		Coffee Break (Grand Reception Hall)
16:00	Linhart hall	Plenary Session: The Role of Teachers, Students and Institutions on OER Representatives of Education International (EI), European Students' Union (ESU), International Association of Universities (IAU)
17:00 -18:00		Plenary Session: The Role of the OER Community Representatives of OER Chairs, Open Education Consortium and Creative Commons Moderator: Mr Gašper Hrastelj , Slovenian National Commission to UNESCO, National Focal Point for the 2 nd World OER Congress
19:30 - 22:00		Evening Reception (Grand Reception Hall)

DAY 3 – Wednesday, 20 September 2017

9:00		Plenary Session: Interregional Cooperation on OER Representatives of AU, ADEA, ALECSO, EU Commission, OIEOEI, SEAMEO
10:00	Linhart hall	Presentation and Adoption of the Recommendations of the 2 nd World OER Congress / "Ljubljana OER Action Plan 2017" Moderator: Mr Indrajit Banerjee , Director, Knowledge Societies Division
10:45		Coffee break (Grand Reception Hall)
11:15	Linhart hall	Closing Plenary Report by the General Rapporteur including the results of all Satellite Events Closing Remarks Mr Qian Tang , Assistant Director General for Education, UNESCO H.E. Dr Maja Makovec Brenčič , Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia
12:30		Lunch (Grand Reception Hall)

Satellites PROGRAMME

Sunday, 17 September 2017

15:00 - 20:00

REGISTRATION

Monday, 18 September 2017

hall	LINHART	KOSOVEL	E1,2	M1	M3	M4
08:30 - 08:45	REGISTRATION					
09:00	Congress Opening					
10:00	Congress Keynote 1					
10:30	Bureau election					
10:45	Coffee break (Grand Reception Hall - Ground floor)					
11:30	Congress	1. Artificial Intelligence: Research, Technology and Business in OER	11. OER Indicators for National Adoption and Impact	16. Open Education Policy Workshop: Resources, Practices, Infrastructure	4. Technologies for OER and Open Education: European research projects showcase session	20. Opening up Education in South-Mediterranean Countries
13:00	Lunch (Grand Reception Hall - Ground floor)					
14:30	Presentation: Results Regionals					
15:30	Congress	1. Artificial Intelligence: Research, Technology and Business in OER		16. Open Education Policy Workshop: Resources, Practices, Infrastructure	4. Technologies for OER and Open Education: European research projects showcase session	2. Opening up Member States: "Opening up Balkans" as regional pilot for Openness
16:30				17. OER and the importance of Open Educators		
17:30	End of Day 1					

Tuesday, 19 September 2017

hall	LINHART	KOSOVEL	ŠTIH	M1	M3	M4
08:00 - 08:45	Ministerial Working Breakfast (by invitation only)					
09:00	Keynote Speech 2					
09:30	Congress	1. Artificial Intelligence: Research, Technology and Business in OER	19. Going Open in Europe: Open Education Policies and Digital Competence Frameworks		8. Libyan Higher Education OER Network	12. UNESCO ED UNEV-OC: OER for TVET
11:00	Coffee break (Grand Reception Hall - Ground floor)					
11:30	Congress	1. Artificial Intelligence: Research, Technology and Business in OER	19. Going Open in Europe: Open Education Policies and Digital Competence Frameworks	5. Quality for Open Education and OER	8. Libyan Higher Education OER Network	6.Launch of the OER Competency Framework in English, French and Arabic
12:30	Lunch (Grand Reception Hall - Ground floor)					
14:00	Congress	1. Artificial Intelligence: Research, Technology and Business in OER	3. OER and Open Education in UNESCO Member States	15. Encourage open educational resources by blended learning	10. Arab OER Forum: Advancing the Regional OER Agenda	13. Global collaboration between Quality OER repositories
15:30	Coffee break (Grand Reception Hall - Ground floor)					
16:00 - 18:00	Congress	1. Artificial Intelligence: Research, Technology and Business in OER	3. OER and Open Education in UNESCO Member States	9. OER in non-English speaking Countries	7. Harnessing OER for the ICT Competency Framework for Teachers	21. OER And Use Of Open Data To Develop Transversal And Citizenship Skill
19:30 - 22:00	Evening Reception (Grand Reception Hall)					

Wednesday, 20 September 2017

hall	LINHART	M3	M4
09:00	Congress	14. KEN Workshop "OER and university didactics"	18. Right copyright for open education worldwide
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break (Grand Reception Hall - Ground floor)		



Ljubljana, Slovenia

Top sights of Ljubljana

- Dragon bridge
- Ljubljana castle
- Jakopic promenade – Tivoli park
- Tourist boat cruise on Ljubljanica river
- Triple Bridge
- Central Market
- Robba Fountain
- Prešernov trg square



"Ljubljana is a picturesque city boasting a wealth of attractions."

The host town Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, is the political and cultural heart of Slovenia. It is an important European commercial, business, exhibition and congressional centre as well as the transport, science and education centre of Slovenia.

Numerous visitors describe Ljubljana as a hidden gem of Europe. Its picturesque image has been marked by different historical periods, and mostly by the oeuvre of the world-famous architect, Jože Plečnik.

Ljubljana is a creative city, where culture is basically the way of life. It hosts numerous festivals of various genres, from one of the oldest European summer festivals to well-established festivals of jazz, world music and street theatre. There are also numerous alternative events, particularly at the famous Metelkova alternative culture centre.

Ljubljana has love written in its name, which sounds similar to the Slovenian word "ljubljen" (beloved). The soul of the city is the Ljubljanica River, crossed by picturesque bridges. This scene is complemented by the ancient castle reigning on the hill above Ljubljana, the city's symbolic dragons, and numerous romantic stories.

In 2014, Ljubljana was proclaimed Lonely Planet's Best Place in Europe and one of Europe's most idyllic places to live by Forbes in 2008. Ljubljana was the European Green Capital 2016.

Official visitor information is available: www.ljubljana.si.

Conference Venue



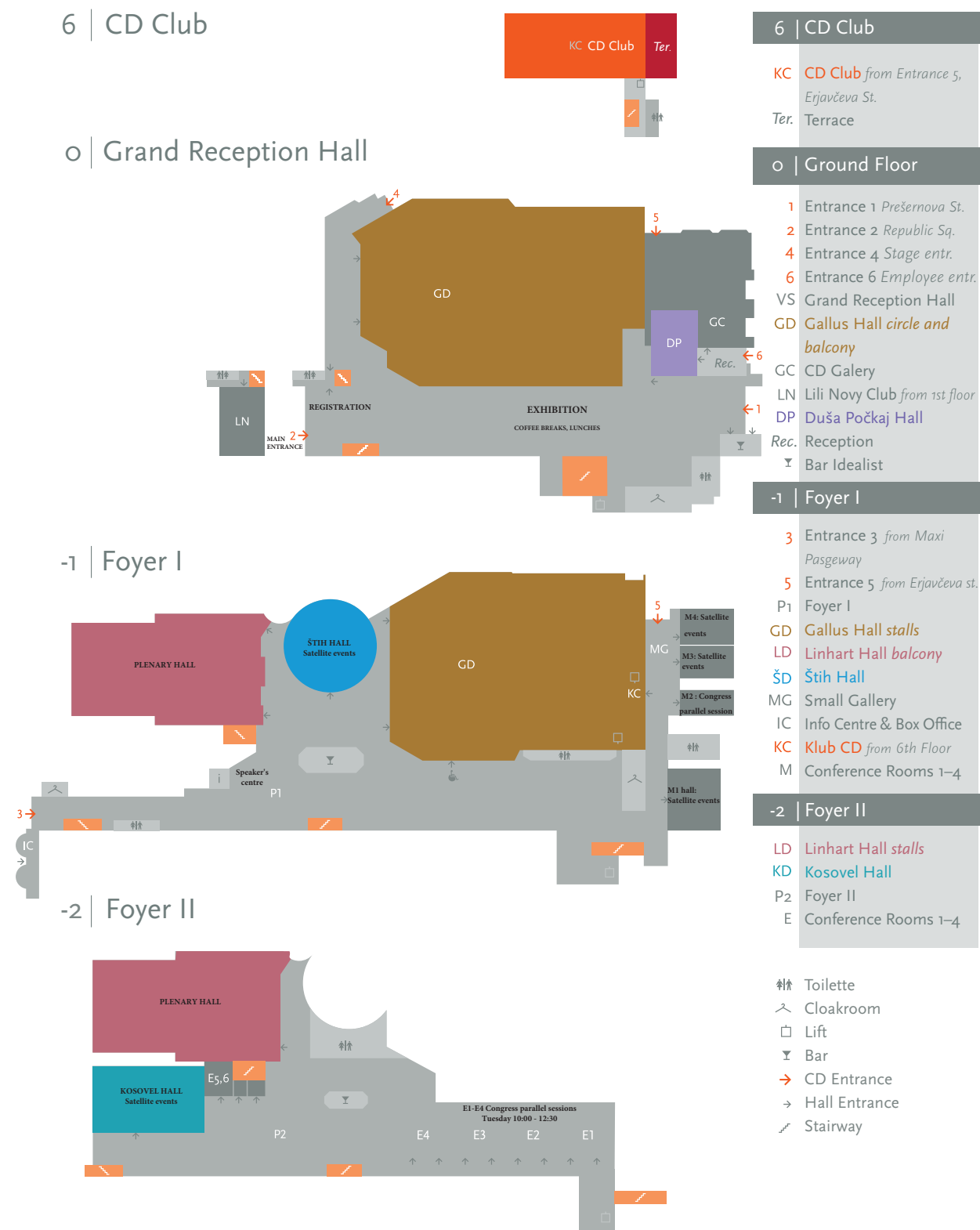
CANKARJEV DOM,
Cultural and Congress Centre
Prešernova cesta 10,
1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

6 | CD Club

o | Grand Reception Hall

-1 | Foyer I

-2 | Foyer II



Ljubljana map

- 1 Cankarjev dom
- 2 Dragon bridge
- 3 Ljubljana castle
- 4 Jakopic promenade – Tivoli park
- 5 Triple Bridge
- 6 Central Market
- 7 Robba Fountain
- 8 Prešernov trg square
- 9 Hotel Slon
- 10 Intercontinental
- 11 GH Union
- 12 Hotel Lev
- 13 City hotel
- 14 Hotel park

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The Congress

The theme of the 2nd World OER Congress is “OER for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education: from Commitment to Action”, reflecting the role that OER can play in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in particular Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education).

The Congress will mark 15 years since the term “Open Educational Resources” was first coined at UNESCO and five years since the inaugural World OER Congress took place at UNESCO Headquarters, resulting in the 2012 Paris OER Declaration.

“OER” refer to any educational materials made available by authors and institutions

under an open-license to freely use and adapt for teaching, learning and research purposes. In all regions of the world, the continuous growth in number of OER initiatives and policies is supporting the achievement of SDG-4 by providing quality, affordable educational material adaptable to the broadest range of teaching and learning needs.

The 2nd World OER Congress in Ljubljana will address three central objectives in support of achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

- Examine solutions to meeting the challenges of mainstreaming OER practices in education systems worldwide

- Showcase the world’s best practices in OER policies, initiatives and experts
- Provide recommendations for the mainstreaming of OER with links to best practices.

The 2nd World OER Congress will bring together Ministers of Education and decision-makers responsible for human resource development, senior policy-makers, expert practitioners, researchers and relevant stakeholders. The Congress will build on the outcomes of six OER regional consultations

hosted in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Valletta (Malta), Doha (Qatar), Port Louis (Mauritius), Brasilia (Brazil) and Auckland (New Zealand) organized by the Commonwealth of Learning

The Congress is under the Honorary Patronage of His Excellency Mr Borut Pahor, President of the Republic of Slovenia and Mr Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport.



WELCOME

Welcome by Dr Maja Makovec Brenčič, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia

Dear Ministers, Excellences, Distinguished Experts and Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,



Following a proposal by the Government of Slovenia, the 2nd World Congress on Open Educational Resources (OER) is co-organized by the Government of Slovenia and UNESCO and in partnership with the Commonwealth of Learning, Creative Commons and with the generous support by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

The theme of the 2nd World OER Congress is "OER for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education: from Commitment to Action", reflecting on the role that OER can play in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in particular Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education).

The Slovenian Government recognizes the importance of the 2nd World OER Congress unanimously and wishes it to be the largest and groundbreaking policy influencing international event in the field of OER. We want to actively address and hopefully overcome the obstacles to mainstreaming OER.

Our intent is to match the goals of the Congress in 2012 but also make a statement, boost and change the landscape of OER, re-release the Ljubljana Action Plan on OER to be adopted by the global community, showcase the world's best practices in OER and initiatives and pay tribute to the 15th anniversary of the 2002 UNESCO Forum that coined the term of OER.

This congress will provide an excellent opportunity for dialogue among experts and governmental representatives to address the challenges and opportunities for mainstreaming OER globally within education systems and to identify a vision, strategies and partnerships for the way forward.

Thank you for coming and wishing you a great stay in Ljubljana and a very successful Congress!

Welcome to Slovenia!

Welcome by Irina Bokova, Director General, UNESCO

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Delegates,



I am honored to welcome you to the 2nd World Congress on Open Educational Resources (OER) -- I am deeply grateful to the Government of Slovenia for the leadership it has brought to this Congress and all throughout its preparations.

In 2015, the world agreed on a new, universal and comprehensive education goal in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development -- access, quality and equity are key priorities as we move forward.

Open Educational Resources offer vast potential on all accounts. "Open" is the operative word. These are openly licensed materials and resources that can be accessed freely to be used, reused and adapted to the needs of the user.

UNESCO has a special relationship with Open Educational Resources, having coined the term in 2002 and then helped to develop and disseminate it -- including during the 1st World Congress in 2012 and its Paris OER

Declaration, calling on all Governments to ensure educational materials paid by public funding should be open licensed. I feel encouraged to see progress across the world today.

Good practices can be found at every level, from primary to vocational and higher education, and in every region, from North America to Sub-Saharan Africa, where UNESCO's OER-licensed primary school teacher training resources are freely available in 23 country versions.

All this builds on the commitment each of you is bringing to offer high quality, affordable and inclusive options for education policy makers, and, for this, I am deeply grateful.

Steep challenges remain, of course, and this Congress provides a powerful opportunity to explore together ways to tackle them and take forward the 2030 Agenda where it matters most, at the national level.

Thank you again -- I wish you every success.

Organizers and Committees



Official Organizers

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Government of Slovenia

With the Generous Support

- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Partner Organizations

- Commonwealth of Learning

Honorary Patronage

- **Borut Pahor**, President of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Tibor Navracsics**, European Commissioner, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

Supporting Organizations and Consultative Committee

- Creative Commons
- Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO
- UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for Open Educational Resources and Open Learning, Slovenia
- European Commission
- Knowledge 4 All Foundation
- Commonwealth of Learning
- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- Open Education Consortium
- UNESCO Chairs in OER

Organizing Committee for the 2nd World OER Congress:

- **Dr Indrajit Banerjee**, UNESCO, Head, Communication and Information Sector
- **Dr David Atchoarena**, UNESCO, Education Sector
- **Zeynep Varoglu**, UNESCO, Communication and Information Sector
- **Annapaola Coppola**, UNESCO, Communication and Information Sector
- **Dr Joe Hironaka**, UNESCO, Communication and Information Sector
- **Cécile Bussy**, UNESCO, Communication and Information Sector
- **Fengchun Miao**, UNESCO, Education Sector
- **Lindsay Young**, UNESCO, Education Sector
- **Gašper Hrastelj**, Slovenia, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO, Head and National Focal Point
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- **Borut Čampelj**, Slovenia, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
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- **Davor Orlič**, Slovenia, UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for Open Educational Resources and Open Learning, Slovenia
- **Monika Kropelj**, Slovenia, UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for Open Educational Resources and Open Learning, Slovenia
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- **Matija Ovsenek**, Slovenia, VideoLectures.Net
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- **Sabina Hosta**, Slovenia, UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for Open Educational Resources and Open Learning, Slovenia
- **Špela Sitar**, Slovenia, UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for Open Educational Resources and Open Learning, Slovenia

Regional Consultations on OER – Steering Committee

- **Prof Asha Kanwar**, Chair, Commonwealth of Learning
- **Dr Indrajit Banerjee**, UNESCO
- **Dr David Atchoarena**, UNESCO
- **Dr TJ Bliss**, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- **Gašper Hrastelj**, Slovenia, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO and National Focal Point
- **M.Sc Mitja Jermol**, UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for Open Educational Resources and Open Learning, Slovenia
- **Dr K. Balasubramanian**, Commonwealth of Learning

Regional Consultations

The Commonwealth of Learning held six Regional Consultations in the lead up to the 2nd World OER Congress.

The Regional Consultations were organized in partnership with UNESCO and the Government of Slovenia, and with the generous support of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Each Regional Consultation was further organized in partnership with a ministry or other agency, as appropriate, in the respective host country.

The Regional Consultations included expert-facilitated workshops, pre-meeting activities and discussions. Ministers of Education, senior policy makers, expert practitioners, researchers and other institutional stakeholders were invited to take part in the events.

A related survey was being conducted in alignment with the framework of the Regional Consultations. The survey was sent to government ministries and key stakeholders, as appropriate, and aims to establish a global understanding of national OER developments. The responses from the survey are part of a consolidated global report on OER.

The consolidated global report on OER as well as the recommendations from all Regional Consultations will be included in the Outcome Document of the 2nd World OER Congress, to be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from 18 – 20 September 2017 – the so-called LJUBLJANA ACTION PLAN ON OER.

The schedule of the six Regional Consultations was as follows:

Asia	1 – 2 December 2016, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Europe	23 – 24 February 2017, Valletta, Malta
Middle East / North Africa	27 – 28 February 2017, Doha, Qatar
Africa	2 – 3 March 2017, Port Louis, Mauritius
Latin America and Caribbean	3 – 4 April 2017, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Pacific	29 – 30 May 2017, Auckland, New Zealand

Ljubljana Action Plan

The 2nd World OER Congress (18-20 September) will conclude with the Ljubljana OER Action Plan.

This Action Plan builds on:

- The outcomes of the six OER Regional Consultations that took place from December 2016 to May 2017.
- Inputs from the global online consultation on the document on the 2nd World OER Congress website from 20 July to 7 September 2017
- Inputs from the debates and discussions at the 2nd World OER Congress (18 to 20 September 2017, Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Revised versions of the Action Plan have been periodically posted online leading up to the 2nd World OER Congress with inputs received from UNESCO Member States and the OER Community through the open invitation on the 2nd World OER Congress website.

Speakers



Milan Brglez
*President of the National Assembly
of the Republic of Slovenia*

Dr. Milan Brglez was born in Celje in 1967. After completing primary and grammar school, he enrolled at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Political Sciences and Journalism where in 1992 he majored in political science/international relations, completing his studies with the faculty's Prešeren Award. After graduation, he enrolled at the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana and in 1996 defended his master's thesis on the codification of contemporary diplomatic law for which he received the Zore Award. In 2006 he received the best PhD thesis award of the Faculty of Social Sciences for his doctoral dissertation on the theory and philosophy of international relations research.

In 1992 he started working as a teaching assistant at the Chair for International Relations and later on became the holder of several courses on international affairs and interna-

tional law. From 2008 until his election to the National Assembly, he was also Head of the Chair for International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Dr. Brglez is co-author of numerous scientific papers, book chapters and scientific monographs. He was member of the Strategic Council for Foreign Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Vice-President of the Slovenian Red Cross.



Maja Makovec Brenčič
*Minister of Education, Science and
Sport of the Republic of Slovenia*

Prior to taking up the position of the Minister of Education, Science and Sport, dr. Maja Makovec Brenčič was full professor of international business and Vice-Rector for the area of knowledge transfer at the University of Ljubljana. Dr. Makovec Brenčič's bibliography comprises over 400 scientific and professional titles. Her scientific research was focused on company internationalisation, relationship marketing, international marketing and connections between marketing, sales and human resources. In June 2013, she was appointed President of the European Marketing Academy (EMAC), the largest European academic organisation in the field of marketing. In 2011, she chaired the EMAC Annual Conference. She was President of the Marketing Society of Slovenia from 2008 to 2014. She has considerable experience in the field of development and quality-assurance in higher education, internationalisation, and the integration of education and enterprise sector and wider social environment. In more than twenty years of working in education, dr. Makovec Brenčič held many positions, such as member or vice-chair of quality assurance committees (Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana), head of Education Centre of the Faculty of Economics, member of the Senate of the Faculty of Economics, and co-founder of Student Business Conference (linking the study and research achievements of students with the needs of companies and institutions).



Ryan Merkley
Creative Commons

Ryan is Chief Executive Officer at Creative Commons. He joined the organization in 2014 to define a new strategy and to establish long-term sustainability for CC. Today, CC is implementing its renewed strategy to build a vibrant, usable commons powered by collaboration and gratitude. Since 2014, CC nearly tripled the number of individual donors, and the commons grew to over 1.1 billion licensed works. In early 2016, CC announced a landmark \$10M donation from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, supporting its ongoing work and renewed focus. Prior to joining CC, Ryan was Chief Operating Officer of Mozilla. He also worked as Director of Corporate Communications for the City of Vancouver for the 2010 Winter Games, and was a Senior Advisor to Mayor David Miller in Toronto, where he led the Mayor's budget policy and initiated Toronto's Open Data project. Ryan is an experienced campaigner and advocate for social causes, and has advised political campaigns on the local and national levels. Ryan is an avid cyclist and an amateur barista. He lives in Toronto with his daughter.



Getachew Engida
Deputy Director-General,
UNESCO

Mr Engida has spent the last 20 years leading and managing international organizations advancing the cause of poverty eradication, peace building and, sustainable development. He has extensively worked on rural and agricultural developments, water and climate challenges, education, sciences, technology and innovation, intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity, communication and information with emphasis on freedom of expression and the free flow information on and offline as well as good governance. Mr Engida brings to the international public service a broad range of leadership and management skills from his academic background and rich experiences in the private sector. Mr Engida is a specialist in change management, good governance and transformative leadership in diverse international setting. Mr Engida has travelled widely in public speaking and leadership engagements at international conferences on peace and sustainable development issues and conferred with political leaders, policy makers, international, regional and national non-governmental organizations, the private sector academia and civil society. Mr Engida joined UNESCO as Deputy Assistant Director-General for Administration and Comptroller in June 2004. He has served as Deputy Director-General since July 2010, and from January 2014, has taken on the added responsibility of managing the Communication and Information Programme of UNESCO. He also serves on a number of not-for-profit international boards.



Qian Tang
Assistant Director General for
Education, UNESCO

Qian Tang is Assistant-Director General for Education of UNESCO since April 2010. He heads UNESCO's Education Sector, which includes around 400 staff at Headquarters, field offices and the seven education institutes. He is leading the Sector to carry out global/regional coordination and monitoring of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 4 on education.

Dr Tang started his career at UNESCO in 1993 as Senior Programme Specialist for Technical and Vocational Education. He then occupied a number of senior positions in the Education Sector.

Before joining UNESCO, Dr Tang spent eight years at the Chinese Ministry of Education in Beijing and the Shaanxi provincial government in Xi'an (China). In 1985, he was posted to the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa (Canada) where he served until 1989 as First Secretary. He started his career in the mid-1970s as a secondary school teacher in Shaanxi Province.

Dr Tang holds a PhD in Biology (1987) and a Master in Human Kinetics (1982) from the University of Windsor (Canada) as well as a Bachelor of Education (1976) from Shaanxi University, Taiyuan (China). He is married and has a daughter.



Tibor Navracsics
European Commissioner for
Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

Tibor Navracsics is the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports for the Commission of President Juncker (2014 – 2019). Before this mandate, he started his career as a university professor and was subsequently appointed Head of the Prime Minister's Office, member of the Hungarian Parliament, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Administration and Justice and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He is responsible for improving the quality and efficiency of the EU education systems, notably through the European Semester and ET 2020. In a context of high youth unemployment and skills mismatch, the modernisation of education in the EU is crucial to meet the challenges of employability and innovation in the digital age. He is also in charge of the education dimension of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the implementation of Erasmus +, the EU's Youth, Sports and Culture policies.



Asha Kanwar
President and CEO,
Commonwealth of Learning

Professor Asha Singh Kanwar, one of the world's leading advocates of learning for sustainable development, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL). Prior to joining COL, Professor Kanwar served briefly at UNESCO's Regional Office for Education in Africa which she joined after a distinguished career at the Indira Gandhi National Open University, India. Professor Kanwar has over 35 years of experience in teaching, research and administration. She has written, edited a dozen books and published numerous papers and articles. Her speeches and presentations are available at www.col.org. A recipient of several awards and fellowships, Professor Kanwar received the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE) Prize of Excellence and the Meritorious Service Award for outstanding contributions in open and distance education from the Asian Association of Open Universities. She has been conferred six honorary doctorates: from the Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, KK Handiqui State Open University, India; the Open University, UK; the Open University of Sri Lanka; University of Swaziland and Wawasan Open University, Malaysia.



Satellite Events

1. Artificial Intelligence - Research, Technology and Business in OER - Let's use AI and machine learning to help advance everyone's learning and career paths

2. Opening up Member States: "Opening up the Balkans" as regional pilot for Openness - Open Education as an opportunity to reshape Western Balkans education

3. OER and Open Education policies - How can we create an environment of functional policies for openness

4. Technologies for OER and Open Education: European research projects showcase session - Users' capacity to access, reuse and share OER

5. Quality for Open Education and OER - Let us improve the OER quality now!

6. Launch of the OER Competency Framework in English, French and Arabic - OER skill building!

7. Harnessing OER for the ICT Competency Framework for Teachers (ICT CFT) - OER for ICT in Education Teacher Training

8. Libyan Higher Education OER Network - Libyan Higher Education OER Network for Quality Teaching and Learning

9. OER in non-English-speaking countries - Mainstreaming OER to foster inclusive and equitable quality education

10. Arab OER Forum: Advancing the Regional OER Agenda - Advancing OERs in the Arab State

11. OER Indicators for National Adoption and Impact - Defining a set of indicators to measure OER adoption and impact

12. UNEVOC Network: Perspectives for OER in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) - Harnessing the potential of OER to support skills for work

13. Global collaboration between Quality OER repositories - A gamechanger for the use of OER and Open educational practices linked to innovation and Quality?

14. KEN Workshop on OER and university didactics - OER - an important tool of university didactics

15. Encourage open educational resources by blended learning - development and application of blended learning curriculum - Encourage Open Educational Resources - Use Blended Learning

16. Open Education Policy Workshop: Resources, Practices, Infrastructure - Advancing OER Policy Around the World

17. OER and the importance of Open Educators - How to transform teachers into open educators?

18. Right copyright for open education worldwide - Right copyright can enhance open education

19. Going Open in Europe: Open Education Policies and Digital Competence Frameworks - European Commission, Joint Research Centre

20. Opening up Education in South-Mediterranean Countries - Promoting Education as a human right and a public good: OER inshallah

21. OER and use of Open Data to Develop Transversal and Citizenship Skills - Developing global citizens: Open Data as Open Educational Resources

Social Programme

Networking Dinner, hosted by Dr Maja Makovec Brenčič, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia
Monday, 18 September 2017,
19:30 – 22:00

The National Gallery of Slovenia is walking distance from the Cankarjev dom centre. It will take you approximately 5 – 10 minutes by foot. The address is Prešernova cesta 24, SI-1000 Ljubljana.

Škocjan caves - UNESCO World Heritage Site
Thursday, 21 September 2017,
9:00 – 14:30
Friday, 22 September 2017,
9:00 – 14:30

Škocjan Caves Regional Park, located in the Karst region, is one of the most famous in the world for the study of karstic phenomena.

This exceptional system of limestone caves comprises collapsed dolines, some 6 km of underground passages with a total depth of more than 200 m, many waterfalls and one of the largest known underground chambers.

The protected area of 401 ha conserves a cave system which comprises one of the world's largest known underground river canyons, which was cut into the limestone bedrock by the Reka River. Along its course, the river suddenly disappears into the karst underground, before passing through a vast and picturesque channel of up to 150 meters in height and more than 120 meters in width, often in the form of roaring rapids and waterfalls. Like the canyon, the vast underground halls and chambers of the cave system expose stunning variations of limestone bedrock and secondary cave formations. The karst research has its origin in this very part of Slovenia, which is scientifically referred to as "Classical Karst" (in Slovene language Klasični kras). The very particular environmen-

tal conditions of the collapsed dolines provide a habitat for rare and threatened flora and fauna. The area is renowned for its exceptional archaeological finds, pioneering explorations of the Karst underground, and rich natural and cultural heritage.

Ljubljana walking tour
Wednesday, 20 September 2017,
16:00 – 18:00

Ljubljana is a dynamic Central European city and the political and cultural heart of Slovenia. In Ljubljana the old crosses paths with the new as it has managed to retain traces from all periods of its rich history; from the legacy of Roman Emona; through to the Renaissance, Baroque and Art Nouveau periods characterized in the house fronts and ornate doorways of the city centre, the romantic bridges adorning the Ljubljanica river, the lopsided rooftops and a park reaching deep into the city centre.

Excursion to Bled
Thursday, 21 September 2017,
9:00 – 14:30

Often described as the 'Image of Paradise', the Alpine resort town of Bled will enchant

you with its emerald-green lake, fairytale-like island and imposing castle reigning on top of a rocky cliff. This harmonious mix of beautiful nature, rich history and genuine hospitality has been attracting visitors for centuries. It was here that the Yugoslavia Royal Family once had a summer residence, later replaced by the summer residence of President Tito, which can still be seen by the lake. After an enjoyable drive, we board a traditional 'plet-na' boat and smoothly glide over the lake to visit the only Slovenian island.

Its top is crowned with a little church, and you will have an opportunity to ring the mysterious wishing bell. A scenic road takes us around the lake and to the medieval castle perched high on a cliff. Built over a thousand years ago, it was once an unconquerable property of the Bishops of Brixen. Today, it attracts visitors with its museum, and demonstrations of old crafts and traditions, not to mention the breathtaking view of the surroundings. Before returning to Ljubljana, enjoy a stroll by the lake or treat yourself to the famous Bled cream-cake.



Restaurants in the City Center



JB Restaurant
European/Slovenian
Miklošičeva 19

Valvasor
Mediterranean
Stari trg 7

Restaurant Atelje
Stakehouse/international
Nazorjeva ulica 2

Gostilna Sokol
Slovenian/European
Ciril-Metodov trg 18

Julija
Italian
Stari trg 9

Pizzeria Foculus
Italian
Gregorčičeva 3

Gostilna As
seafood/Mediterranean
Čopova ulica 5a

Restavracija MOST
Mediterranean/Slovenian
Petkovškovo nabrežje 21

Restaurant Strelec
European
Grajska planota 1 (Ljubljana Castle)

Restaurant Špajza
Italian
Gornji trg 28

Sarajevo 84 – čevabdžinica
Balkan
Nazorjeva 12

Sushimama
Japanese
Wolfova ulica 12

Maxim
European
Trg republike 1

Gostilna Na Gradu
Slovenian/seafood/seasonal
Grajska planota 1

Druga violina
Slovenian
Stari trg 21

Vodnikov hram
Slovenian/Mediterranean
Vodnikov trg 2

Romansa 1971
Slovenian/Mediterranean/Balkan
Trg republike 1

Cantina Mexicana
Mexican
Knafljev prehod 2

Namaste
Indian
Breg

Basic information

Medical Services

Emergency services: call phone number **112**

24- hour Emergency Unit of the Ljubljana University Medical Centre

Bohoričeva ulica 4
1000 Ljubljana

Barsos Medical Center (English speaking)

Gregorčičeva ulica 11
1000 Ljubljana
Phone: **+386 01 242 07 00**

Community Health Centre Ljubljana

Metelkova ulica 9
1000 Ljubljana
Phone: **+ 386 1 47 23 718**

Pharmacies

The Lekarna pri Polikliniki duty pharmacy is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Njegoševa cesta 6k
Phone: **+386 (0)1 230 61 00**
lekarna.poliklinika@lekarna-lj.si

In case of minor health problems such as colds, headaches, temperature above normal, and insect bites, medicines can be obtained from pharmacies also without a prescription.

Official currency

The official currency of Slovenia as an EU and Eurozone member is the Euro (€). It was introduced at the beginning of 2007. Most shops across the country accept international credit and debit cards. Slovenia has a widespread cash machine network.

Conference Identification Badge

A conference identification badge will be included in the conference material provided upon registration. There will be no admittance to the Congress Sessions without the conference badge. Invitations to social events will be collected at the entrance.

Coffee Breaks

During breaks, refreshments will be served free of charge to participants wearing congress badges.

Lunches

Working Lunch (standing buffet free of charge) will be served in the Grand Reception Hall.

Registration and Information Desk

The Registration Desk for the UNESCO Conference will be located in the Grand Reception Hall of Cankarjev dom as follows:

15:00 - 20:00	Sunday, September 17
8:00 - 19:00	Monday, September 18
8:00 - 19:00	Tuesday, September 19
8:00 - 13:00	Wednesday, September 20

Important telephone numbers:

112 Emergency services (urgent medical help, firefighters, rescue teams)

113 Police

080 1200 Police (anonymous crime reporting)

1987 AMZS (roadside assistance and towing)

080 1900 Tourist telephone (free line for tourists and tourism workers to report 24 hours a day their comments, complaints, criticism and suggestions)

1188 Information on telephone subscribers in Slovenia

1180 Information on international telephone subscribers

198 10 Alarm call service

090 93 9881 General information (pay number)

International code for Slovenia +386

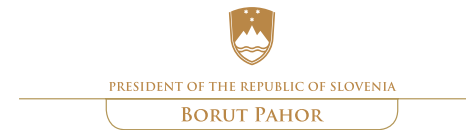
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