

CoE e-readiness for Online e – Learning

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CoE	Region	Country	Capacity			Readiness	
			Material & Equipment, Hardware: Low, Medium, High	Software, licenses, fees, data: Low, Medium, High	HR Costs, Staff, Tech Support: Low, Low; Medium, High	Ready for online e-learning: Yes/No/Partly	Ready for blended learning: Yes/No/Partly
Makerere University	CEANWATCE	Uganda	Low	Low	Medium	No	Partly
ICPAC IGAD Climate Prediction & Applications Centre		Kenya	High	Medium	Low	No	No
Water Research Centre, University of Khartoum		Sudan	Low	Low	Low	Partly	Partly
Addis Ababa University-Ethiopian Institute of Water Resources		Ethiopia	Medium	Medium	High	Partly	Partly

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- Experience with online e-learning teaching (background section)
- Training received to deliver such teaching (background; institutional online e-learning experience sections)
- Extent to which the faculty has integrated ICT with academic offerings (institutional online e-learning experience section)
- Experience with re-packaging face-to-face materials (institutional online e-learning experience section)
- Time distance/mixed and online e-learning academic offerings have been available (institutional online e-learning experience section)
- Access to adequate hardware and software (staff online e-learning experience section)
 - What are the CoEs’ current needs (same section as above)
 - The current internet challenges (same section as above)
 - Student challenges (student learning experience section)
- Access to sufficient ICT hardware and software support for online and distance learning in current working situation (institutional level technical and learning support section)
- Access to teaching and learning and / or communications support (same section as above)
 - Types of support partners have access to (same section as above)

How online learning platforms can be integrated with face-to-face learning/or improved (same section as above)

CoE	Region	Needs					Willingness to deliver online e-learning/ training with other CoEs
		Connectivity	Data costs	Power backup	Hardware	Software	
Makerere University – Uganda	CEANWATCE	✓	✓		High - medium	High – medium (course platforms; training)	✓
ICPAC IGAD Climate Prediction & Applications Centre - Kenya					Low	Medium (course platforms)	
Water Research Centre, University of Khartoum – Sudan					High	High (training; IT backup support)	✓
Addis Ababa University-Ethiopian Institute of Water Resources – Ethiopia			✓		Medium (laptops for trainees)	Medium (learning platforms)	

Guidance Notes: The table above illustrates the CoEs’ **needs** to establish/improve online e-learning. Partners were first asked to specifically indicate their needs related to internet (connectivity, data and power supply). The general level of hardware and software capacity and specific needs was requested with finally partners’ willingness to co-deliver online e-learning with other CoE. The needs assessment investigated the indicators within the following questionnaire sections:

- What are the CoEs’ current needs (staff distance and online learning experience section)
- The current internet challenges (same section)
- Student challenges (student learning experience section)
- How online learning platforms can be integrated with face-to-face learning/or improved (institutional level technical and learning support section). Reference notes:
 - HD – High definition
 - LCD – Liquid Crystal Display
 - UPS – Uninterrupted Power Supply
 - PC – Personal Computer
 - IT – Information Technology