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UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme

Progress Report

Period of activity: August 2007-July 2008

UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Technology

Report established by: Professor Tim Unwin, UNESCO Chairholder,
Royal Holloway, University of London

I. Activities

1. Academic activities

Education

Courses on Information and Communication Technology for Development.

Target group: Undergraduate students at Royal Holloway

Practice of Sustainable Development.

Target group: Postgraduate students at Royal Holloway

Trainings

Workshops on “Mobile Technologies”, “Information resources”, “Information Technology Strategies” and E-learning initiatives in Africa.

Research

Information and Communication Technology use for people with disabilities.

2. Conferences/Meetings

“New Directions in Development Theory and Practice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives”

Date and Place: May 2008, Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom

“Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers”

Date and Place: April 2008, Boston, Massachusetts, United States

“Policy, Economy and Development in Latin America”

Date and Place: January 2008, Centre for Latin American Studies, Cambridge University, United Kingdom

“Human Computer Interaction Annual Conference”

Date and Place: September 2007, Lancaster University, United Kingdom

3. Partnerships/University Exchanges

The University of Education Winneba, Ghana

The University of Maseno, Kenya

Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique

4. Publications

Journal articles:

Article Title: "The potential of e-learning to address the needs of out-of-school youth in the Philippines"

Author: Unwin, T., Tan, M. and Pauso, K.

Journal Title: *Children's Geographies*

Year: 2007

Volume 5, number 4, pp.443-462.

Article Title: "No end to poverty"

Author: Unwin, T.

Journal Title: *Journal of Development Studies*

Year: 2007

Volume 45, number 3, pp.929-953.

II. Impact

The UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Technology has contributed to the goals of the Development Partnerships in Higher Education (DeIPHE) through its ongoing partnerships with African universities. Through its academic exchange programs, the Chair promotes information technology training, poverty reduction and sustainable development in the African continent.

III. Forthcoming activities

The Chair will create a multidisciplinary center aimed at developing collaboration projects of the Information and Communication Technology department with other academic and research institutions at Royal Holloway. The Chair will promote new partnerships and exchange programs with universities in Africa.