

**WUN Community of Learning for African PhD fellows (COLA)
3-4 April 2016 | Maastricht, The Netherlands**

Community of Learning for Africa (COLA) is an online learning network developed by UNU-MERIT / MGSOG (UM) with aim to offer support for PhD fellows in Africa to conduct research and write high quality academic papers. Among others, this support will be facilitated by offering content courses in the field of Governance, Public policy, Innovation, Technology and Economic Development. Those are the focal content expertise areas of UNU-MERIT / MGSOG. In addition, research feedback and options to discussion with other researchers will be offered. In the fall 2015, the first online course offering was piloted. In spring 2016, a second pilot funded by WUN was completed, testing the platform, courses and discussion provisions. In this conference, we will discuss the use of communities of learning, open education resources and online supervision for PhD students in general and the functioning and future steps for the CoLA platform specifically.

This conference takes place as part of the [2016 WUN AGM & Conference](#) at Maastricht University, The Netherlands.

Date: Monday 4 April 2016
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Program

Monday 4 April

0830-0900	Arrival Coffee and Tea <i>Ad Fundum</i>	
0900-0915	Word of Welcome	
0915-1030	MOOCs and the use of online courses for PhD Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Danielle Verstegen - <i>A comparison of MOOC and Closed online course participation and performance.</i> • Dr. Jaques Rousseau, UCT - <i>The functioning of online commerce courses offered to students in the Across Africa initiative.</i> • Prof. Dr. Marco Kalz – <i>Initial results of a cross-provider data collection about participant experiences of European MOOCs</i> • Discussion on the use of online courses in CoLA 	<i>Room A.123</i>
1030-1100	Morning Tea	<i>Ad Fundum</i>
1100-1230	Open Educational Resources and their use in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirsten Haaland - <i>Open Source Software and e-Learning</i> • Dr. Martin Rehm - <i>Open Educational Resources and possible applications for Africa</i> • Shivani Achrekar (MSc) - <i>The creation of the open source repository in the COLA project</i> • Discussion on the use of educational resources in CoLA 	<i>Room A.123</i>
1230-1330	Lunch	<i>Mensa</i>
1330-1500	Long Distance Supervision of PhD Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ismael Pena - <i>E-supervision – a 4 tier model</i> • Prof. Bart van den Borne - <i>Practical experiences in e-supervising African PhDs.</i> • Dr. Mindel van de Laar - <i>The idea of e-supervision in COLA</i> • Discussion on the use of e-supervision in CoLA 	<i>Room A.123</i>

1500-1530	Afternoon Tea	<i>Ad Fundum</i>
1530-1700	What is next?	<i>Room A.123</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Han Aarts, - <i>A short introduction of the WUN Africa Group</i> • Dr. Bukola Salami (Chair) - <i>Round table discussion on the integration of WUN members in Africa and internationally and the Africa group in the further development of COLA</i> 	
18:00	Dinner at Dock5, The Bassin (behind the Bastion hotel) for those participants that do not join the WUN organised dinner.	

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