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### **The UNESCO Programme for Open Educational Resources (OER)**

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The term Open Educational Resources (OER) was created at the 2002 UNESCO Forum on the Impact of Open Courseware for Higher Education in Developing Countries.

Due to their 'open' nature, OERs provide Member States with a strategic opportunity to improve the quality of education as well as facilitate policy dialogue, knowledge sharing and capacity building.

The UNESCO OER Programme is comprehensive, well-resourced, global in scope, with strong partnerships with activities in:

1. UNESCO/COL OER Policy Guidelines
2. OER Platform and tools
3. OER Community on the WSIS KC – world's largest online OER Community of Practice
4. OER Research Chairs
5. OER Expert Network (to be formed in 2012)
6. Events
7. Projects
8. Publications
9. Partners

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Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and associate member Tokelau.

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