

Distance Learning & Economic Development for Remote Communities e-learning virtual campus

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The Distance Learning Network undertakes to support the work of the United Nations and to promote knowledge of its principles and activities, in accordance with its own aims and purposes and the nature and scope of its competence and activities.

The Distance Learning Network strives to achieve a global partnership through liaisons with international and national organizations.

The Distance Learning Network serves as a catalyst for the formation of partnerships between education and business, as well as between Educators, Professionals and Students, in particular for the benefit of remote communities.

The Distance Learning Network's activities include the following objectives:

- Promoting the application of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights through education and economic development
- Promoting the right to education for all persons in the world, without discrimination
- Fostering a concept of education directed towards international understanding and good will, the safeguarding of peace and freedom, and respect for human dignity
- Providing access to educational resources by remote communities through satellite or other wireless communication
- Promoting equity and access to life long learning through distance learning
- Providing Technical Support and Training to remote communities
- Assisting in the implementation of the necessary infrastructure to connect remote communities to the Distance Learning Network
- Giving remote communities the opportunity to participate in the “global classroom”
- Creating economic opportunities for remote communities
- Organizing an international Annual World Conference on Distance Learning and Economic Development for Remote Communities
- Initiating, co-coordinating and implementing projects that lead to the optimisation of existing; as well as the development of new products, resources and services
- Identifying the training courses available and gaps and inadequacies in order to establish an inventory for dissemination and priorities for further action
- Establishing an international network of multimedia resource centers for the creation of learning materials (courseware)
- Participating and co-operating with other international organisations, institutions, groups and individuals involved in distance learning projects

- Cooperating with groups to foster and support the development and linking of Remote Community Access Networks (RCAN) to the Parsec Learning Network and the rest of the world
- Enhancing opportunities for sustainable community-based economic development
- Organizing, promoting and participating in national and international conventions, exhibitions, workshops and user-group meeting
- Establishing and maintaining (live) On-line Workshops and Open Discussion Fora for developers and users
- Establishing and maintaining a reservoir of resources including public domain software and shareware for educational purposes
- Motivating commercial, government and non-government institutions; universities, colleges and schools; and individuals to help implement and maintain the Distance Learning Network, by providing products, expertise and content, including instructional design skills

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