

## Seminar Schedule: (Preliminary Draft)

**FRIDAY, March 2nd, 2012**

STRENGTHENING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT	
8:00 am - 10:15 am	Sharing successful innovative practices
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Exploration of possibilities and opportunities for collaboration and proposals for joint activities.
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	LUNCH
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Continuation of Exploration of possibilities and opportunities for collaboration and proposals for joint activities.

### List of participants:

Dr. Jeanette Bartley-Bryan  
 Ms. Jennifer Britton  
 Dr. Francisco Cervantes  
 Dr. Carlos Chardon  
 Dr. Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva  
 Prof. Kris Dejonckheere  
 Prof. Koen DePryck  
 Dr. Julio Dominguez  
 Dr. Roberto Escalante  
 Prof. JM Kusters, Msm

Dr. Curtis Manchoon  
 Dr. Claudia Muñoz Reyes  
 Dr. Carlos M. Padin  
 Dr. Leonel Plazaola  
 Dr. Richard Rowe  
 Dr. Ryan Sidin  
 Prof. Dr. E Sterken  
 Mr. Kenneth Sylvester  
 Prof. Tom Vanwing  
 Prof. Alvin Wint



## High level authorities attending the **Virtual Educa Caribbean** Seminar “Strengthening Higher Education Institutions for International Cooperation and Integral Development”

### **Dr. Jeanette M. Bartley-Bryan**

**Associate Vice President, Open and Distance Learning  
University of Technology  
Jamaica**

Dr. Jeanette Bartley-Bryan is the Associate Vice President, Distance Learning at the University of Technology, Jamaica, with responsibility for facilitating technology-mediated educational opportunities and flexible access to the University’s programmes throughout Jamaica, the Caribbean and across the globe.

Her expertise includes curriculum development, instructional design and human resource development garnered from over twenty years experience with Caribbean, North American and international institutions, as educator, consultant, corporate trainer, project manager, researcher and social history documentalist. Her professional focus is on developing indigenous, innovative educational materials incorporating flexible delivery technologies for local/regional cultures, with practical application to the global environment.

### **Jennifer Britton**

**Deputy Programme Manager, ICT for Development (ICT4D)  
Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat  
Guyana**

Has over 15 years of experience in the Information Technology. This includes: Local and wide area networking (LAN/WAN) to systems analysis, business process re-engineering, project management and policy formulation.

Currently the Regional Coordinator and Technical Adviser on ICT for Development (ICT4D) for CARICOM Secretariat. Responsibilities include:

- Regional Policy formulation and oversight of implementation, technical assistance – related to ICT4D and the Information Society
- Initiating programmes for strengthened coordination and interaction among Member States and associated members, Regional and International Agencies with respect to ICT/ Information Society.
- Proposal writing for presentation to International Development partners

## **Dr. Francisco Cervantes**

### **Coordinación**

### **Espacio Común de Educación Superior a Distancia**

### **México**

Dr. Francisco Cervantes-Pérez obtained his bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering, as well as his masters in Electrical Engineering, from the Faculty of Engineering, at the “Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México” (UNAM); and his Ph.D. in Computer and Information Sciences from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Mass., in the USA. Currently, he is a Professor in the “Centro de Ciencias Aplicadas y Desarrollo Tecnológico”, at UNAM, he belongs to the National Researchers System, in Mexico, and his research interests are concerned with: Intelligent Computing, Computational Neuroscience, Information Systems, and Educational Systems and Environments. In addition, he is the President of Virtual Educa Mexico, and the President of the Mexican Academy for Informatics.

## **Dr. Carlos Chardon**

### **Governmental Affairs of Puerto Rico**

### **Assistant Secretary of State for Governmental Affairs**

### **Puerto Rico**

Assistant Secretary of State for Government Programs, holding a joint position with the council of Education as Director Of Research, Evaluation and External Resources. The Council is the licensing and accrediting institution for basic education and the licensing institution for higher education.

Mr. Chardon was Secretary of Education of Puerto Rico in 2009 and had held the same position in 1977-1980. He was also Executive Vice President of the Ponce Museum of Art and the director for the Caribbean for the Small Business Administration. He has received the highest award of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of business loans and was decorated with the Isabel la Católica medal (Spain) and the Gold Medal (Oficina Iberoamericana de Educación). He is the founder and first president of Atlantic University College , a highly regarded graphic arts institution in Puerto Rico, and was the first chair the Board of Trustees of the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music (founded by Pablo Casals), and Chaired the Board of the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture. He is completing a book on the application of the thesis of Carl Schmitt to the American colonial enterprise; ready to become an e-book are his recommendations on education, culture and politics. He is the author of the chapter on education in The American presence in Puerto Rico. His doctoral studies are from Syracuse University in cultural anthropology, geography and political (major in Latin American Studies)

**Prof. Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva**

**Executive Secretary**

**Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities of Brazilian Universities (CGBU)**

**Brazil**

PhD in Education from the University of Campinas, Professor Silva held postdoctoral position in Educational Sciences at the Université Paris 8. She is a Professor at the University of Brasilia and the Executive Secretary of Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities. She held the position of Special Advisor of International Relations at ANDIFES and adjunct professor at the University of Rome 4. Professor Silva also serves as the Brazilian Coordinator of the PAEC OAS-CGBU Undergraduate International Program. In addition to coordinating programs related to the internationalization of Brazilian universities with Portugal, France, Mexico, Canada and Switzerland, she participates in projects and official missions organized by the Ministries and Embassies in Brazil and various countries.

**Kris Dejonckheere**

**Secretary General**

**UNICA Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe**

**Belgium**

Kris Dejonckheere has been UNICA Secretary General since 2001. She holds degrees in Law and Ethics. After graduating from the University of Ghent, Belgium, she was called to the Bar in the Court of Appeal of Ghent before taking up a role of Assistant Lecturer at Rijksuniversiteit Ghent. She taught Law and Ethics in several higher education institutions. In 1994, she was appointed Political Advisor for University matters to the Flemish Minister for Education. Since 2001 she holds the position of Secretary General of UNICA, an institutional network of 43 universities from the capitals of Europe. As head of an international network of universities that promotes the Bologna Process & the Lisbon Agenda, she has an extensive knowledge on European higher education and the processes taking place in the European Higher Education Area.

**Prof. Koen DePryck**

**Executive Director**

**Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Centre for Adult Education Antwerp**

**Belgium**

Prof. Dr. Koen DePryck teaches innovation of education and related subjects at the University of Brussels and at ADEK University of Suriname. He is chairman of the consortium of Adult Education Providers in the Antwerp region in Belgium and is himself responsible for one of the larger centers. He is advisor on education to the Organization of American States. He publishes and lectures extensively on evolutionary aspects of learning, the use of ICT in education, formal and informal learning, the challenges of demographic shifts, etc. His initiative, the School of the XXIst Century, is a worldwide network for organizing environmentally, socially, economically, ecologically, culturally and institutionally sustainable education focused on learning for sustainability and sustainability of learning.

**Dr. Julio Dominguez**

**President Network of Inclusive Universities in Peru (RUIVE)**

**Rector U. Catolica Los Angeles de Chimbote**

**Peru**

Dr. Julio Dominguez has his doctorate in Political Science; a Masters in Education with a major in Teaching and University Research and a degree in agricultural engineering; lead auditor of ISO-9001-2000. He has worked as Academic Vice Rector of the National University of Piura (UNP) (1987-90); Dean of the School of Science of UNP (1991-94); President of the Departmental Consultative Committee of Piura of the Council of Science and Technology (CONCYTEC) (1993-94); President of the Regional inter-University Council of the North (CRINORTE-PERU) (2003-05); member of the inter-University Coordination Committee of the National Assembly of Rectors (2004). Current posts: President of Virtual Educa's Network of Inclusive Universities; President of the University Accreditation Committee of ANR-Peru; President of the Distance Education Committee of the National Assembly of Rectors of Peru; Rector of the Los Angeles de Chimbote Catholic University (Peru)

**Prof. JM Kusters, Msm**

**Managing Director**

**Ruud de Moor Centrum Open Universiteit**

**Netherlands**

Jos received a Master Degree in Strategic Management at the University of Groningen. He has always been active within the field of Education. He worked for many years in the Vocational Training Sector. He worked several years for the Dutch Ministry of Education. In 2008 he became Managing Director of the Ruud de Moor Centrum at the Open University of the Netherlands. Innovation management and transformational leadership are his main strengths. Recently he became president of the Steering Committee Maestro Kompas (concerning professional development strategies in the Dutch Caribbean) and he is a member of the Steering Committee of Wikiwijs (National Project on open digital learning materials) Know and Leraar 24. (Online platform for teacher professional development).

Next to his formal job, he is highly active in the field of Youth Care and Social Care. He is president of the Supervisory of 29 schools in primary education, he is president of the National Special Heroes Project for Special Needs Children, President of the WMO Council and President of the Committee New Social Policy.

**Claudia Muñoz-Reyes P., MPP**

**Regional Director, Latin America & Caribbean**

**Seeds of Empowerment, a spin-off Stanford University, School of Education**

**U.S.A.**

Expert in international development and ICT for education, with 20 years of experience with International Cooperation Agencies in the developing world. She has been involved in the analysis, implementation and advocacy for public policies in education, technologies and sustainable human development, implementing programs and strategies for poverty reduction in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia. Claudia holds a Masters in Public Policy Management with the highest distinction from Harvard Institute for International Development and an International Certificate in Management for Development Programs. She has advised public-private initiatives in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Paraguay, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Rwanda, Namibia, Thailand and Indonesia. She is a Spanish native speaker, fluent in English, and speaks also Portuguese and German.

**Carlos M. Padín Bibiloni, Ph.D.**

**Dean**

**School of Environmental Affairs, Universidad Metropolitana**

**Puerto Rico**

Dr. Padín is the Dean of the School of Environmental Affairs at Universidad Metropolitana in San Juan, Puerto Rico, recognized locally and internationally for its holistic and multidisciplinary approach to environmental matters. In 2000, Dr. Padín was awarded the Environmental Citizen Award by the US EPA and in 2001 he became Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources and the Environment. He participated in the conference on Industrial Ecology at the Gordon Research Conference at the University of Oxford (2006) and was selected a USDA Fellow (2008). He presently serves on several public and private boards that deal with sustainable development and hosts a weekly TV environmental news segment for SiTV, a local PBS station.

**Dr. Leonel Plazaola**

**Research Vice-President at Universidad de Ingenieria  
CSUCA - Consejo Superior Universitario Centroamericano  
Nicaragua**

Dr. Leonel Plazaola is currently the Research and Development Vicerrector at the Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería (UNI), Nicaragua. He is an active researcher and consultant in the area of Information and Communication Technology. He is Profesor titular and founder dean of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Faculty (FEC) at UNI, Nicaragua. Member of several national and international academic groups, organizations and forums about organizational development of ICT policies, business and IT alignment. He has experience in proposals and coordination of international research and technological projects including administrative and management components. Teaching experience in Engineering since 1985.

Dr. Plazaola holds a PhD from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden, in Industrial Information and Control Systems focus on "Business and IT alignment management- An Enterprise Architecture Approach". The degree of Technology Licentiate from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden, in Industrial Information and Control Systems focus on "An Information System Migration Framework for the Electricity Control Centers – Based on Central America's Case Studies" and the Electronic Engineering from the Central America University (UCA), Nicaragua, focus on "Electronic Design based on Microprocessors".

**Dr. Richard Rowe**

**CEO**

**Open Learning Exchange**

**U.S.A.**

Dr. Rowe received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in clinical psychology in 1963. He has served as the Director of Test Development and Research for the West African Examinations Council, Associate Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Director of Harvard's interfaculty doctoral program in Clinical Psychology and Public Practice and Member of the Massachusetts Board of Education, He focuses on creating ways to strengthen social systems that address the needs of children and families. He founded Open Learning Exchange in 2007 to develop a network of nation-based centers for learning innovations designed to ensure Quality Universal Basic Education.

**Kenneth Sylvester**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Caribbean Knowledge and Learning Network**  
**Grenada**

Mr. Sylvester's career began when he joined Fujitsu-ICL, as a graduate management trainee after which he held several positions in Fujitsu-ICL including:

- Managing Director-East Africa
- Vice President-USA
- President and Chief Executive Officer–Caribbean

Since leaving Fujitsu-ICL in 1999, Mr. Sylvester held several appointments, including Director of ICT-University of the West Indies, Advisor to the Governments of Jamaica and Grenada on national ICT policies and Chairman of the CARICOM ICT Steering Committee.

Mr. Sylvester attended the University of Leeds in the UK where he achieved an Honors degree in Physics, with two years postgraduate work in Quantum Physics.

**Prof. Alvin Wint**  
**Pro-Vice Chancellor**  
**University of the West Indies**  
**Jamaica**

Professor Alvin Wint is Pro Vice Chancellor and Chair of the Board for Undergraduate Studies and Professor of International Business at the University of the West Indies (UWI). He holds a Doctorate in International Business from Harvard University. He has numerous scholarly publications, including four books, in the fields of international investment policy, international competitiveness and Caribbean Higher Education Policy. He has been the recipient of many scholarly awards, including the Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence at UWI. He has worked extensively with multilateral, Caribbean and Jamaican institutions in various advisory and leadership roles.