



INTERNATIONAL  
COUNCIL FOR OPEN AND  
DISTANCE EDUCATION

# THIS IS ICDE

The leading global membership organisation that works towards bringing accessible, quality education to all through open, flexible and distance learning.

## OUR VISION

“To achieve the potential of Open, Flexible, and Distance Learning created through our members and learning communities.”



# SINCE 1938 TO TODAY

- The longest established global, not for profit NGO & membership association, founded in 1938
- Consultative partnership with UNESCO since 1967
- Hosted & part-funded by Norway since 1988
- **320+ members and partners worldwide**
- Working towards UN Sustainable Development Goal 4: **Quality education for all**
- ICDE Strategic Priorities 2021-2024:
  1. **Advocate globally** for Open, Flexible and Distance Learning (OFDL) and enable regional and national influence through members and partners
  2. **Extend the global reach** to underrepresented regions, new stakeholders and disadvantaged learner populations
  3. Continuous work on the **three prioritized areas**:
    - Quality
    - OER
    - Innovation in education



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



# ICDE MEMBERSHIP



**320+** members  
and partners



**70** countries in  
all world regions



Impacting over **15 million**  
**students** across all  
continents

Be part of the ICDE  
global network



Exchange knowledge  
and become an ICDE  
expert



Participate in high  
level events on OFDL



Gain recognition, and  
take part in ICDE  
governance bodies



# THE VALUE OF JOINING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY



Global diversity & knowledge sharing broadens our perspective



Personal connections at all levels within organisations



Collaborative opportunities across borders and sectors



Increased impact (joint forces, advocacy campaigns, thought leadership, policy development, recognition/promotion etc.)



Learning through sharing of expertise, practice etc. is efficient



# ICDE PARTNERS

ICDE has collaborative partnerships with over 18 organisations around the world, working towards a common goal – accessible, quality education for all



# MEMBER ACTIVITIES



- **Join projects** - like ENCORE+ or the Francophone project
- **Support initiatives** - ICDE GDC for the future of the field
- **Submit to our peer-reviewed open access journal** - Open Praxis
- **Take action** in our advocacy campaigns - GAC
- **Participate in forums** for shared experiences - Member forum
- **Share your leadership knowledge** at the President Forum events
- **Take part in expert committees and networks** to share understanding
- **Suggest new ideas** for collaboration and innovation in the field



**Global Advocacy Campaign**

For Open, Flexible and Distance Learning

**OPEN —  
— PRAXIS**

# JOIN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF ICDE



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