

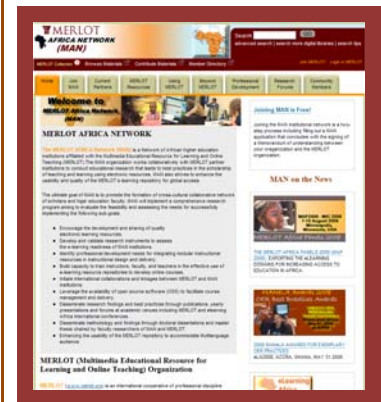
MAN is a network of African and US institutions affiliated with the MERLOT organization.

## I. The MAN Mission

**Facilitate Communities of eLearning Expertise and Capacity Building for Open Education, Scholarship, and Development in Africa**

### MAN - Strategic Objectives

- (1) Build strong networked partnerships between African, US educational institutions and global eLearning providers that will result in joint education, research and development programs in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- (2) **Extend the MERLOT Community of Practice** to immediately serve the goals of providing access and quality eLearning resources and communities of eLearning expertise in Africa.
- (3) **Build African expertise in the successful use and development of Open Education Resources (OER) and Open Access (OA)** to support scalable eLearning curricula and scholarship.
- (4) **Conduct educational research** to guide the effective and sustainable pedagogical integration of OER and OA in eLearning design and research.
- (5) **Organize expert meetings** for sharing best practices, and social networking to improve the productivity and leadership of collaborative projects among members.



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## II. The MAN Services



Pan-African Forum OER – Ghana, 2008

### Network Partnerships

MAN facilitates various networked partnerships between network members that can lead to collaborative projects for Development and innovations in the best practices for using OER and OA as eLearning solutions. Partners meet twice annually, during the MAN Forum on OER and OA, organized as part of eLearning Africa, held in different Africa Countries each year, and the MERLOT Africa Panels, during the annual MERLOT International Conference.

### OER Services and Training

- MAN leverages MERLOT's active community of practice with over 60,000 members worldwide.
- The MERLOT.org website provides free access to over 20,000 eLearning resources covering a full range of academic and professional disciplines.
- MERLOT.org's free member services also enable its members to compose and deliver online educational programs.
- MAN delivers Faculty Development certificates. This is a one-day curriculum focusing on - raising awareness about OER and OA - and tools for designing educational resources and delivering eLearning.

### Sister Campuses Partnerships




We promote and broker the creation of Sister Campuses between African and US Universities affiliated with MERLOT. These project-based partnerships promote international development and capacity building at the partner institutions.

### III. Joining MAN

Joining MAN is a simple three-step process including (1) first joining the MERLOT organization as individual member, (2) filling out and submitting an institutional membership survey and, (3) finally facilitating the signing of a memorandum of Understanding with your organization.

**More:** <http://man.merlot.org/join/index.html>

### IV. The MAN International Meetings and Awards

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| <p><b>The Pan-African Forum on Open Education Resources and Open Access</b></p> <p>This is a one-day panel discussions and expert workshops focusing on OER and OA – Organized on May of each year as part preceding the eLearning Africa conference organized each year in different African countries. <b>The Pan-African fora are hosted by African Universities</b> and are co-hosted by the Africa Virtual University (AVU)</p> |  <p><a href="http://man.merlot.org/research/MAN%20at%20eLA.html">http://man.merlot.org/research/MAN%20at%20eLA.html</a></p> |
| <p><b>MERLOT Africa Panels (MAPs)</b></p> <p>Expert Panels on eLearning Developments in Africa – Held as part of the MERLOT International Conferences (MICs).</p>  |  <p><a href="http://man.merlot.org/research/MAP2008/index.html">http://man.merlot.org/research/MAP2008/index.html</a></p>   |
| <p><b>MAN@eLA Awards for Exemplary OER Practices</b></p> <p>This annual event presents three international awards in three categories: (1) OER <i>Leadership Award</i>, (2) Inquiry and Discovery-based Virtual Laboratory Award, (3) Software for OER Content Authoring Award. This is overseen by an international committee of chairs.</p>  |   |

### V. MAN Partners

|| Southern University System – SUS, LA – USA || Kennesaw State University - KSU, GA – USA || Addis Ababa University - Ethiopia - AAU || University Cheikh Anta Diop - Senegal - UCAD || National University of Rwanda - NUR || Mbari University of Science and Technology - Uganda - MUST || INITELEMATIQUE, Burundi || African Virtual University -AVU, Kenya || MERLOT Organization and Community – MERLOT || UNESCO Open Training Platform - OPT || Educational Research Network for West and Central Africa - ERNWACA || Association of African Distance Learning Centres – AADLC || Qedoc Interactive Educational Resources - Qedoc || Global Textbook Project - GTP || Asylum - Markbook ||

### VI. MAN Sponsors 2008

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