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### **Inaugural IELOL 2019 Africa Programme**

SARUA is proud to be hosting the first Institute for Emerging Leadership in Online Learning (IELOL) Africa 2019 programme during August and September 2019. This event forms part of SARUA's memorandum of understanding with the Online Learning Consortium. Now in its 11th year, the OLC's IELOL serves the development needs of emerging leaders responsible for a variety of digital learning initiatives in higher education. Building on the success of the IELOL internationally, SARUA is delighted that this highly sought-after programme will now be available to participants from the SADC and the rest of the African continent at a more affordable rate.

IELOL participants work with colleagues from around the world to explore and understand both the opportunities and barriers to advancing local and global online learning. Programme alumni join a growing network of online leaders in higher education focused on improving and advancing the impact of digital learning on all aspects and formats of higher education.

The IELOL programme is designed for those with leadership responsibilities related to digital and online learning initiatives within their institution with occupational titles such as manager, director, deputy director, deputy vice chancellor, etc.

The inaugural IELOL Africa Programme consists of the following components:

- A three-week Pre-Immersion Online programme, from 29 July 2019 to 16 August 2019.
- An immersion week at the University of the Western Cape, in Cape Town, South Africa, from 26-30 August 2019
- A post-immersion project from 30 September to 18 October 2019, leading to a presentation by each participant to their institutional leadership.

In addition, programme alumni will be encouraged to attend the OLC IELOL master workshop in Orlando, Florida on 20 November, followed by the annual OLC conference from 21-22 November. Alumni will also become part of the OLC global community.

Staff from SARUA member universities will receive priority registration for the annual OLC Institute for Emerging Leadership in Online Learning, as well as priority consideration for scholarships to participate in this event.

The programme fee is \$ 1750 per participant (ZAR 24 500), compared to the fee of \$ 2950 per participant for the IELOL programme in the USA. SARUA is exploring the possibility of securing a limited number of scholarships for the programme.

Applications for the IELOL programme are now open. Please visit the OLC web site for details: <https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/learn/ielol-sarua/>.

Applications must be received at the latest by *June 14, 2019* to be considered. Individuals accepted to IELOL 2019 will receive an email notifying them of their acceptance on *June 21, 2019*.

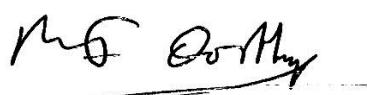
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The Open Learning Consortium (OLC) is a collaborative global community of higher education leaders and innovators, dedicated to advancing quality digital teaching and learning experiences designed to reach and engage the modern learner - anyone, anywhere, anytime. OLC inspires innovation and quality through an extensive set of resources, including, best-practice publications, quality benchmarking, leading-edge instruction, community-driven conferences, practitioner-based and empirical research and expert guidance. The growing OLC global community includes faculty members, administrators, trainers, instructional designers, and other learning professionals, as well as educational institutions, professional societies and corporate enterprises. For more information see: <https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/about/olc-2/>.

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding with the OLC, SARUA members qualify for a discounted OLC membership rate. Please contact us for more details: [info@sarua.org](mailto:info@sarua.org).

Best wishes,

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