

Regional Consultation, Singapore with Teacher Education Administrators from Africa

20 Heads of Teacher Education Institutions for Africa (List given) participated in the COL- three year plan discussion.

This happened as part of the two-week COL-Singapore Joint Management Development in National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

I made a presentation on COL and its present plan and initiated discussion on the next Three-Year Plan in the light of MDGs and EFA Goals. The discussion and observations could be summarized as follows:

- Strengthening technology infrastructure in Teacher education colleges for better use of ICT in pre-service teacher training.
- Need to network teacher education colleges for providing better access to internet and for sharing experiences and views
- Need for professional development of teacher educators and educational administrators
- Need for joint training workshops in Africa itself for teacher educators and administrators
- Need for developing teaching and training materials in Science and Mathematics in Africa
- Need for COL to organize training workshops and joint work regionally in Africa in areas such as use of ICT for teacher training
- Special support for special education and education of girls and women
- Developing materials for awareness related to HIV aids
- Need to have online education in small states such as Mauritius and Seychelles
- Providing better opportunities for tech/voc education by ODL support