The National Online Open and Innovative School for Teaching and Learning

The National Online Open and Innovative School for Teaching and Learning will incorporate a Professional Development (PD) component for teachers, as well as Online Continuation Classes to effectively address the learning needs of Out-of-School Children, Youths and Second-Chance Adults.

The Professional Development component targets educators, and is an educational system which uses a blend of conventional and distance education methods to allow learners to choose how to learn, when to learn, where to learn and what to learn using a wide range of educational media. Professional Development (PD) for all Educators will be based on technology enabled teaching and learning, which incorporates processes such as modelling preferred instructional strategies, engaging teachers in active learning, and building a professional learning online and offline community.

When teacher educators model instructional strategies, PD participants have the opportunity to experience these strategies as learners, and then reflect on their learning and on the effectiveness of the strategies from the perspective of teachers. This type of approach is particularly important in times of reform, when teachers frequently are being asked to teach in ways that are substantially different from how they were taught or how they learned to teach.

The Online Continuation Classes component focuses on the provision of distance learning education through means that offer a credible quality alternative to school-based provision of teaching, given the difficulty of reaching the heterogeneous and distributed population and the growing need for second chance and continuing education opportunities. It is expected that the establishment of open and distance learning provision will enhance the entire education system.

*The Professional Development component is at design stage, while the Online Continuation Classes component will be implemented from September, 2022.*