OER Francophone Africa working group and project

Presentation and ideas to replicate

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Origins of the working group and initiative

ICDE member French Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI) and ICDE agree on the opportunity of tapping into the ICDE global, expert network to support their West African and French partners stakeholders by establishing a Francophone working group

December 2018: Open Education Leadership Summit. Paris

November 2019: Adoption of the UNESCO OER Recommendation

March 2020: First face to face meeting of the working group in Paris
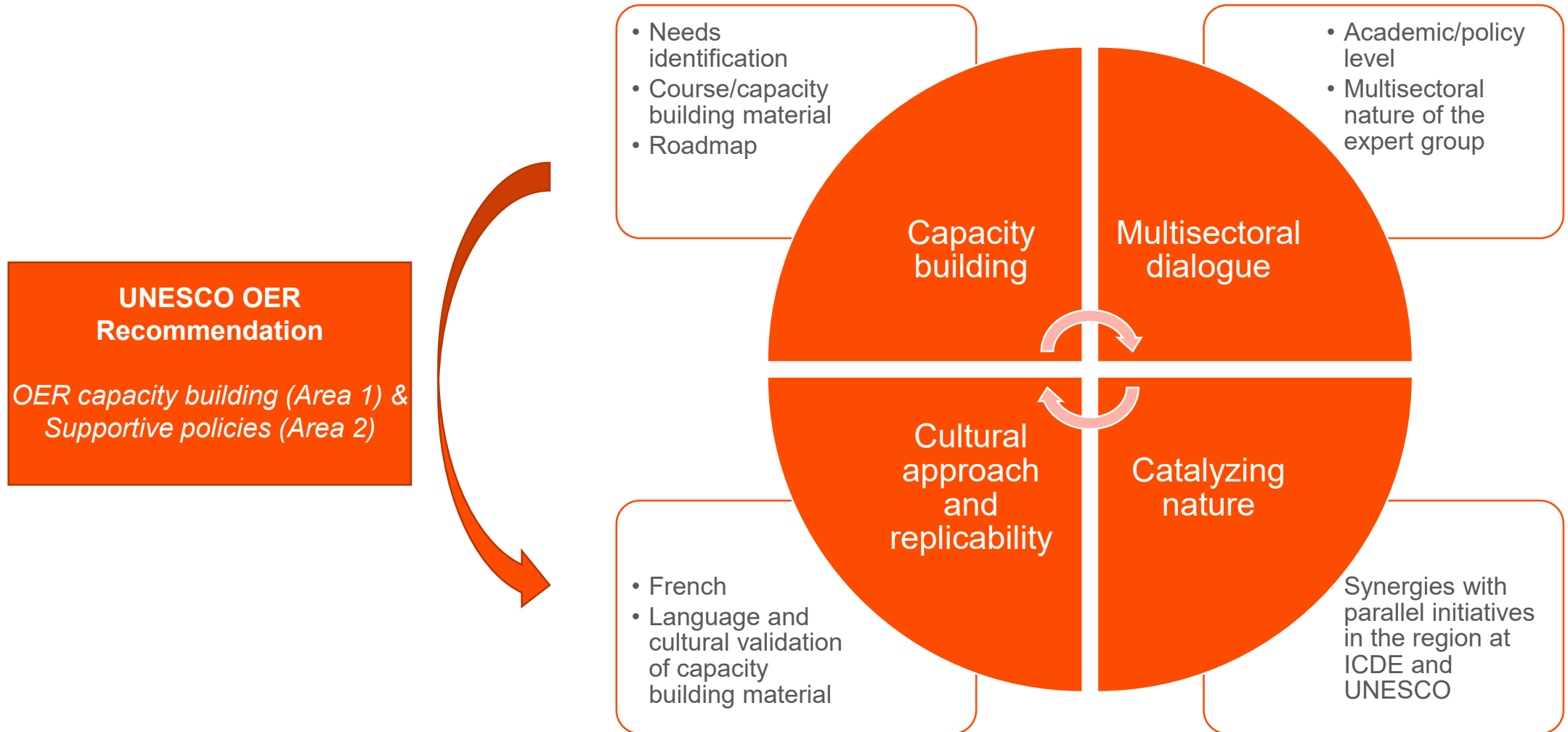
Expert group in short:

Current Members

- French Digital University (L'Université Numérique – UNIT, AUNEGe and UOH)

- French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation

- Virtual Universities of Senegal, Mali and Republic of Congo

- French National Commission for UNESCO

- UNESCO

- ICDE

Potential Future Partners

- Virtual Universities of Bénin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger and Central African Republic

- International Organisation of La Francophonie

- Ministries of Bénin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger and Central African Republic, Senegal, Mali and Republic of Congo

- Business partners

Key components of the project

UNESCO OER Recommendation

OER capacity building (Area 1) & Supportive policies (Area 2)

- Needs identification
- Course/capacity building material
- Roadmap

- Academic/policy level
- Multisectoral nature of the expert group

Capacity building

Multisectoral dialogue

Cultural approach and replicability

Catalyzing nature

- French
- Language and cultural validation of capacity building material

Synergies with parallel initiatives in the region at ICDE and UNESCO

Free online capacity development course:
OER, Copyright and Open Licensing (LiDA103).

- Provides free access to an online test, whereby successful learners have the opportunity to gain the Certificate of Competency in Copyright and Creative Commons Licensing.

- Developed by OER universitas (OERu) in English:
  https://course.oeru.org/lida103/

- Translation and adaptation to French coordinated by ICDE/OERu/UNESCO: translated by UNESCO, technical review and validation by French Digital University. Cultural validation within the Francophone OER group.

- Capacity Building tool for the project

- Documented process, replicable in other languages

Replicability

- Other Francophone countries (report on pilot nature of initiative will be documented with recommendations for replication)

- Other linguistic areas (English, Portuguese, Spanish…)

How to engage

- Sharing the calls for action and results with your networks

- Using, re-using and adapting the created capacity building material

- Replicating in other linguistic regions of Europe/the globe

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