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Dr. Ramesh C. SHARMA served Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), India since 1996 as Regional Director of six of IGNOU's regional centres. Dr. Sharma steered the distance education activities of the University of Guyana, Guyana, South America from July 2009 to June 2011 as Director of the Institute of Distance and Continuing Education (IDCE). He had been a member of Advisory Group on Human Resources Development for the United

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Dr. Sharma has been involved in the planning, design and development of teaching and learning materials for IGNOU; M P Bhoj Open University, Bhopal; Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota and Maharshi Dayanand University, India. He has been associated with several peer reviewed journals as Reviewer, Editor and Editorial Advisory Board member in the field of Open and Distance Learning. An author/editor of several books and research papers on educational technology, educational multimedia and eLearning, Dr. Sharma is a leading scholar and practitioner promoting Open Educational Resources (OER). He has been a trainer and capacity builder in the field of educational technology, and has supervised doctoral research in the field. He has conducted workshops and evaluation activities for IGNOU, CEMCA, COL, UNCTAD, and Aga Khan Foundation, amongst others. With a PhD in Education (in area of Educational Technology) from Maharshi Dayanand University, India and additional post graduate qualifications in distance education and computer science, Dr. Sharma has around 20 years of experience in open and distance and technology mediated learning.

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