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Briefing Note on User Testing: Beta

At present, the OECS' Education Development Management Unit (EDMU) is supporting the transition toward a distributed learning model. In doing so, the EDMU has instituted a regional content development strategy to equip learners with high quality, open educational resources (OER). A key part of this strategy involves the development of a digital content repository for the OECS Campus.

In this context, Open Development and Education is supporting the EDMU to develop a platform to host curriculum-aligned OER. These resources will include textbooks, teacher guides, lesson plans, assessment tools, and more. As part of this work, we plan to trial different platforms with teachers.

What is the aim of this trial?

In conducting this trial, we aim to run a second round of testing on the selected hosting platform, Kolibri. Kolibri was selected following an extensive review of programme documentation, a needs assessment with focal points from the Eastern Caribbean and user testing sessions with 20 teachers across all member states.

In this second testing phase, we therefore want to understand:

- if the content is organised in a way that teachers, parents and students can easily access the platform
- if the layout of the platform is convenient for the users
- how teachers use the platform to access resources
- if the content is useful for teachers, students and parents

How will the testing take place?

We intend to run the trial with 500 primary school teachers, parents and students from the participating OECS member states. The trial will run in 2 parts:

1. We will share a link to the platform with the various participating teachers and parents along with a survey.
2. Teachers and parents will access these platforms and answer a brief survey.

The feedback received from the trial will enable us to design a version of the platform which teachers can navigate easily.

When will the trial take place?

We expect to run the trial from Friday 22nd October to Monday 1st November. Teachers and parents may access the platform at their convenience and provide feedback within this time window.

What should member states do?

Principals should inform teachers and parents about the trialling and permit them to participate in the process. Principals can also allocate specific times for all teachers to trial the platform, and designate at least 2 teachers to trial the platform for at least one hour each.