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Abstract

Catherine Ngugi from Kenya and Director of Open Educational Resources (OER) Africa works with universities across Africa on collaborating to provide better education to health care professionals, to teachers and to agriculturalists. OER Africa was founded in 2009 and helps to conduct policy reviews across institutions, e.g. to ensure that Human Resource policy is supportive. The application of digital media in the OER program in Africa will be presented.