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Subject: **2nd World Open Educational Resources (OER) Congress, which will take place in Ljubljana (Slovenia) from 18 to 20 September, 2017.**

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2. The theme for the Congress will be OER for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education: from Commitment to Action; reflecting the role that OER must play in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, universally adopted by all Member States of the United Nations, in particular its Sustainable Development Goal 4 on Quality Education.

3. The objectives of the 2nd World Open Educational Resources Congress will be:

- Examine solutions to meeting the challenges of mainstreaming OER practices into education systems worldwide.
- Showcase the world's best practices in OER policies, initiatives and experts.
- Provide recommendation that is demonstrably best practices of the mainstreaming of OER.

4. OER refers to any educational materials made available by authors and institutions under an open-license, to be used and adapted freely for teaching, learning and research purposes. In all regions of the world, OER initiatives and policies are providing affordable educational materials adaptable to a very broad range of teaching and learning needs.

5. The 2nd World OER Congress will marks 15 years since the term 'Open Educational Resources' was first coined at UNESCO, and five years since the inaugural World OER Congress took place at the Organization's Headquarters in Paris, resulting in the 2012 Paris OER Declaration. It will bring together Minister for Education, senior policy-makers, expert practitioners, researchers and all relevant stakeholders, building on the outcomes of six OER regional consultation meetings that were organized by the Commonwealth of Learning in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Valletta (Malta), Doha (Qatar), Port Louis (Mauritius), Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Auckland (New Zealand). Activity is non funded.

6. The nomination process will take place online via a platform. An registration can access the online to register your participation at: <http://bit.ly/2lzCwWg> or <https://cankarjevdom.eventsair.com/2017>.

7. Kindly to send online registration/nominations on the prescribed "**Submission Form**" under intimation of this office.

