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The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdown measures have impacted over 1.6 billion learners around the world, leaving them with little or no option to continue their education. Millions have lost their jobs and livelihoods and need reskilling to regain employment.

#### » An immediate solution

Recognising the catastrophic effects of the pandemic on millions of people who have become unemployed, or are on the verge of losing their jobs, Coursera, one of the world's leading eLearning providers, has recently announced the Coursera Workforce Recovery Initiative as an immediate solution to these challenges.

#### » COL-Coursera partnership

As an intergovernmental organisation committed to improving livelihood conditions of people across the Commonwealth, COL has entered into this partnership to make a difference to the lives of thousands of people whose immediate need is to acquire skills for regaining employment.

#### » Who can join the programme?

All unemployed citizens of the Commonwealth Member States can take advantage of this programme.

#### » How can you join?

Send an expression of interest to COL, either directly, through COL's collaborating partners in the **International Partnership of Distance and Online Learning** at **https://opendoor.col.org**, or through COL Focal Points in your country: **https://www.col.org/about/col-focalpoints**.

#### » Benefits of the programme

All registered learners in the COL-Coursera Workforce Recovery Programme will gain UNLIMITED and FREE access to 3,800 courses designed to skill and reskill citizens of Commonwealth Member States for livelihoods. Programme leads include highly reputed professors and mentors from well recognised universities and institutions around the world. Find out more at: https://www.coursera.org/browse.

#### » What is the deadline to join?

You can join the programme until 30 September 2020, and complete any of the courses by 31 December 2020 to gain your certificates.

### » Helpdesk and support

Experts located in the four regions of the Commonwealth will offer help with choosing courses, and provide administrative, academic support, as well as mentorship and counselling.

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#### » How can you contact us?

Individuals can contact the helpdesk at cwr-helpdesk@col.org, and our experts will respond within 24 hours.

Public institutions interested in participating in this programme can visit the website of the International Partnership of Distance and Online Learning for more information: https://opendoor.col.org/.

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