



**CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION FOR DISTANCE AND OPEN  
LEARNING**

**CARADOL – a regional association formed to:**

- promote and advance the use of Open and Distance Lifelong Learning (flexible learning) as a means of contributing to the development goals of the Caribbean
- foster an understanding of the theory and practice of Open and Distance Learning and to facilitate research and disseminate information within the Caribbean on Open and Distance Lifelong Learning
- work with the relevant sectors/sections in helping governments to develop appropriate policies and strategies in the use of Open and Distance Learning in addressing our Human Resource Development needs
- foster communication and partnership with other regional and international associations and institutions and in particular with the Commonwealth of Learning
- provide for the professional development of individuals from the region who are involved in open/distance education

- establish standards for ensuring quality and professionalism in the practice of open/distance education in the region

**Mission**

CARADOL will be an advocate for, and facilitator of the use of Open and Distance Learning as a means of transforming education in the Caribbean with particular reference to the concept of Lifelong Learning, and to serve as a forum/platform for stakeholders to share experiences and have access to opportunities for continuing professionalism in Open and Distance Learning.

**Vision**

The vision of CARADOL is to develop a learning society in the Caribbean through equity and access to quality education.

**Functions**

In the execution of its duties CARADOL will encourage:

- networking and communication between relevant organizations and programmes;
- organize workshops, discussions and conferences and create a forum for debate;
- disseminate information among members and appropriate parties through websites;
- encourage and maintain a network of distance educators and the sharing of expertise amongst members and appropriate parties

- foster co-operation and collaboration on joint research projects among members and appropriate parties
- encourage the rationalization and consolidation, where appropriate, of educational, academic and administrative activities, while promoting the optimum use of both private and public resources in distance education, open learning and related activities
- seek technical and financial assistance in the region and internationally for the sustainability and promotion of open and distance learning initiatives, and promote and perform any other activities which may enhance and ensure sustainability in our open and distance learning efforts within the Caribbean

### **Membership**

Any person, agency, institution or organisation, both government and non-government, demonstrating an interest in, or an involvement with, distance and/or open learning, shall be eligible for membership and to hold an elected position in accordance with the rules pertaining to specific categories.

Membership in The Association is annual and shall be renewable each year at the time of the Annual General Meeting, or as otherwise specified by the Executive, except in the case of Life Members and ex-Officio Members.

### **Categories of Membership**

#### **Full Members**

Any person/institution involved in using, delivering and practicing of distance education (providers of open/distance education initiatives).

#### **Individual**

Any adult involved in the practice of, or demonstrating an interest in distance and/or open learning shall be eligible for full membership

#### **Organizational/Institutional**

Any agency, institution or other organisation involved in or supportive of distance and/or open learning shall be eligible for full membership.

#### **Life**

Any person who has demonstrated an interest in, or an involvement with, distance and open learning and who has paid the designated life membership fee at one time, shall be eligible for life membership.

### **Honorary Members**

An Honorary member shall be a person selected by the Executive in recognition of his/her notable and/or outstanding contributions to distance education and open learning over a period of time.

### **Associate**

Any foreign or local person, organization, agency or institution, national, regional or international, interested in, but not directly involved in, the practice and/or delivery of distance and open learning and additionally, who subscribes to the aims and objectives of THE ASSOCIATION, shall be eligible for associate membership.

### **Ex-officio Members**

Any person who has served previously in the capacity of President of The Association shall have the right to be invited to serve as an Ex-officio member

The schedule of membership fees shall be as follows:

- Individual member (US \$20)
- Organizational member (US \$80)
- Life member (US \$500)
- Honorary member
- Associate member (US \$15)
- Ex-officio member (US \$20)

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