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The Open Educational Resources Movement: Possibilities for innovative initiatives for teacher professional development.

Teacher education now lies at the heart of all development goals and initiatives. It has already been recognised as one of the major areas of focus for poverty reduction, economic progress and social and cultural development. Development initiatives affirm the critical importance of education and the role played by teachers.

The paper will give a synopsis of how the Teacher Education in Sub-Saharan Africa (TESSA) consortium is working collaboratively within institutional and national policy systems to support innovative school based teacher development. Moreover the paper will reflect on the TESSA journey at the University of Fort Hare