



Knowledge transfer, innovation diffusion and the role transnational distance learning in catalysing innovation in low and middle-income countries

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Education is key to meeting today's global challenges. Climate change, vaccine inequality and poverty highlight the need to speed-up the creation and diffusion of knowledge and innovation capabilities across countries. This paper explores the role of transnational postgraduate distance learning programmes in enhancing innovation capabilities in low-income countries. A *systems of innovation* framework is adopted that recognises human capital and indigenous knowledge as key components of local innovation capabilities. Postgraduate distance learning networks are shown to facilitate two-way knowledge transfer that can be utilised in local and regional innovation systems to help meet global challenges, such as vaccine production in low-income countries.