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PARALLEL SESSION 1: MANAGING TEACHING-LEARNING AND RESOURCES

E_Learning Readiness: A Crucial Factor in Managing Teaching and Learning

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“The biggest growth in the Internet, and the area that will prove to be one of the biggest agents of change, will be in e-learning.”

*- John Chambers
CEO, Cisco Systems*

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*“In my lifetime, I’ve never seen hype
and understatement walk hand in hand.
But that’s what we’re seeing now.
I’m convinced that our great-grandchildren
will look back and wonder why we didn’t get it.”*

*- Nicholas Negropone
Director, MIT Media Lab*

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E-Learning: A Definition

The use of network and multimedia technologies to improve the quality of learning by enabling access to knowledge and remote resources for the development of a K-society.

- elR Research WG (KTAK-OUM, 2004)

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The “e” Factors in ODL at OUM

E-Readiness

Cultural
Enabler
Environment/Political
Financial
Learner
Management
Personnel
Technical

E-Pedagogies

Online Collaborative Learning
(online tutorials and online discussions)
Online Resource
(e.g. Digital Collection, Learning Resources such as slides, e-quizzes, learning objects, e-documents, etc.)

E-Platform

OUM Portal
(online bulletins, news & announcements)
myLMS
(E-mail, Forums, Chat, Help Centres)

E-Community

Online Collaborative Learning
(online tutorials and online discussions)
Online Communication
(e.g. E-mail, Chat, Announcements)
Online Bulletins
(Learner Connexions and Tutor Connexions)
Online Forums (e.g. OUM Club)

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Malaysian E-Learning Readiness Study (KTAK-OUM)

- Objectives
- Research questions
- Methodology and Instrumentation
- Preliminary Findings

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Objectives of the Research

- To find the current state of readiness for e-Learning
- To address the gaps via policies. Research WG to make recommendations based on findings:
 1. Capacity-building (receivers and enablers of e-learning – formal/informal/non-formal)
 2. Human resource (ICT savvy, expert ICT personnel)
 3. R&D (content development, funding provision, research activities)
 4. Infra-structure (hardware, networking, physical facilities)
 5. Info-structure (content, software, applications, development tools)
 6. Institutional framework (mgmt, specific centre, support)
 7. Policy initiatives (govt, organization, institutional)
 8. Benchmarking (existence of local standards, comparison with other nations)

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Research Questions

1. To what extent are **providers** (MSC/e-learning companies, IPTAs, IPTSs, training departments) ready to embark/have embarked on e-Learning?
2. To what extent are **policy makers** (MSC/E-learning companies, IPTAs, IPTSs, training department) enabling or are ready to enable e-Learning within their respective areas of control?
3. To what extent are **enablers** (lecturers and trainers) equipped or competent, that is, ready in the delivery of e-Learning?
4. To what extent are **receivers** (IPTAs & IPTSs) of e-Learning keen or ready for e-Learning?

(p. 2 of Concept Paper, revised)



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Methodology & Instrumentation

- Descriptive research
- E-Learning Readiness tool for Malaysia developed/customised based on other eLRTs
- Online & printed survey forms
- Bi-lingual (BM and English for Receiver only)
- Each category to comprise an average of 6 items of the most crucial items (factors related to readiness)
- Open-ended question included

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Area of Readiness vs Target Respondents

Areas of Readiness	Policy Maker	Provider	Enabler	Receiver
Learner			✓	✓
Management	✓		✓	
Personnel	✓	✓	✓	
Content		✓	✓	✓
Technical	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environmental	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cultural	✓		✓	✓
Financial	✓	✓	✓	✓

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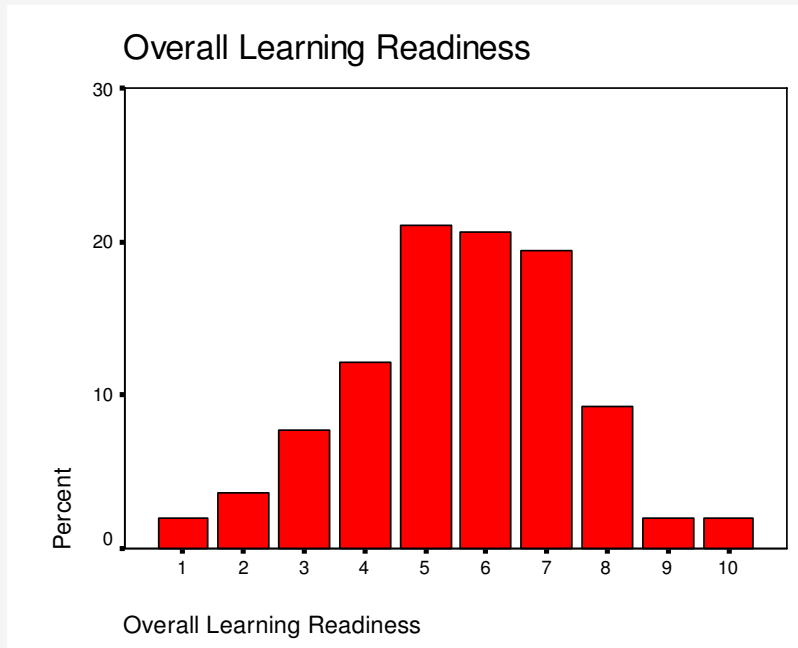


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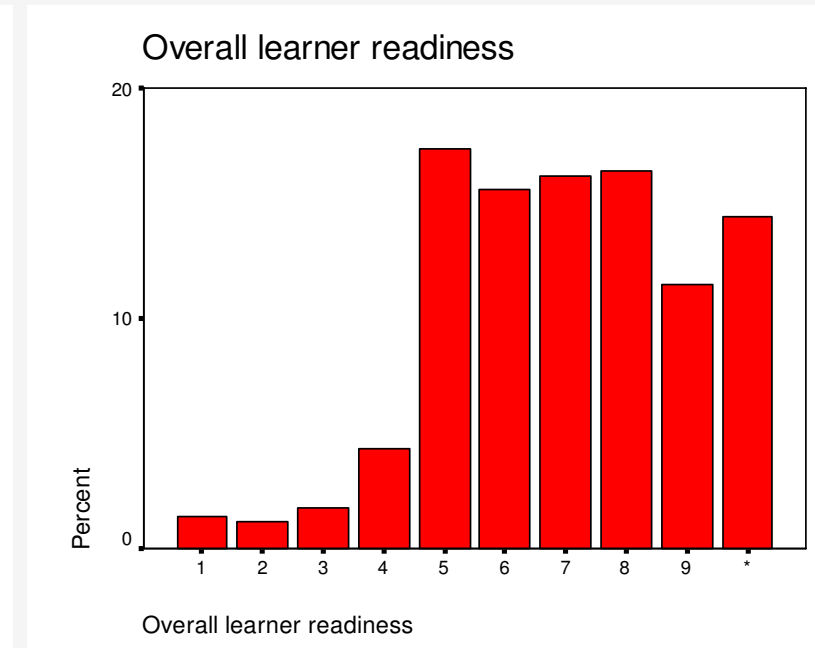


Enablers (n=247)



Mean = 5.59

Receivers (n=586)



Mean = 6.98

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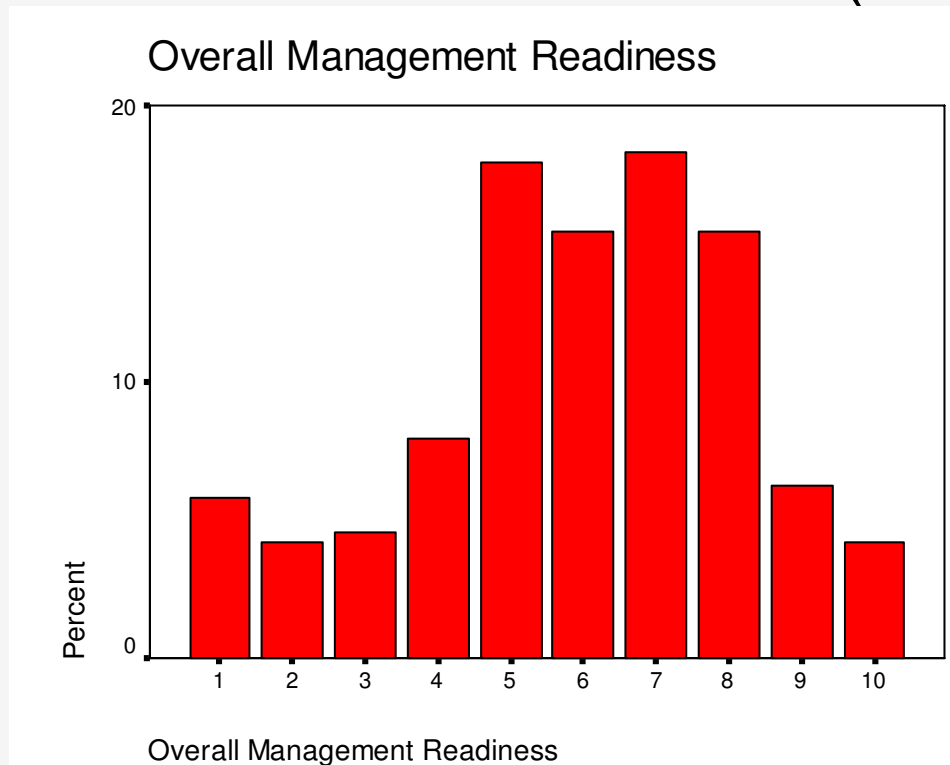


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Enablers (n=247)



Mean = 5.91

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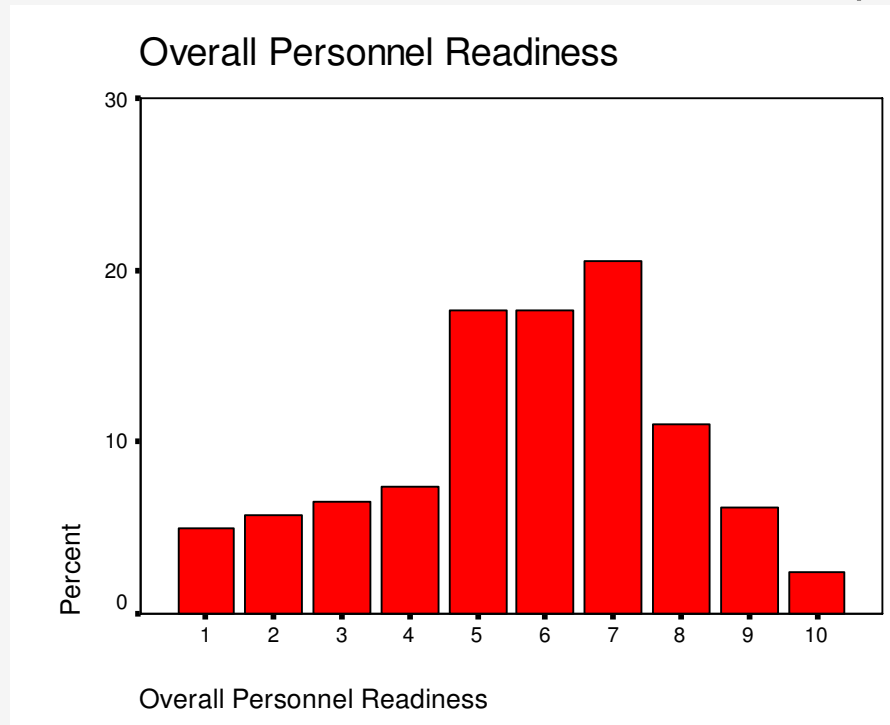
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Enablers (n=247)



Mean = 5.71

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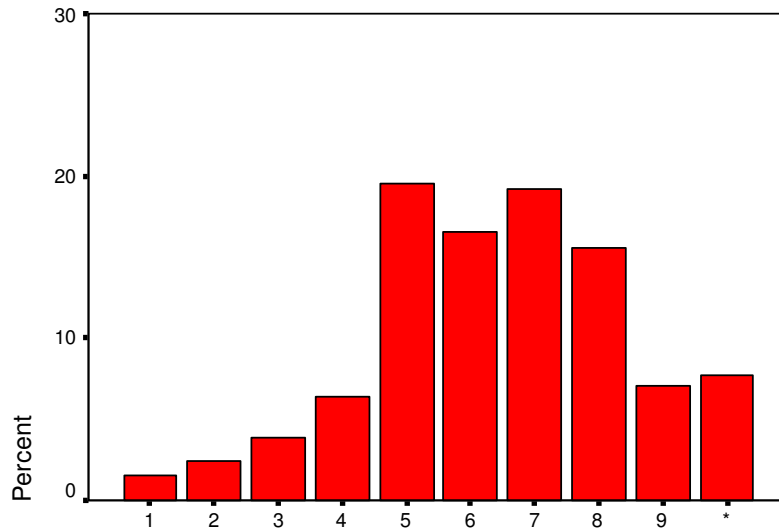




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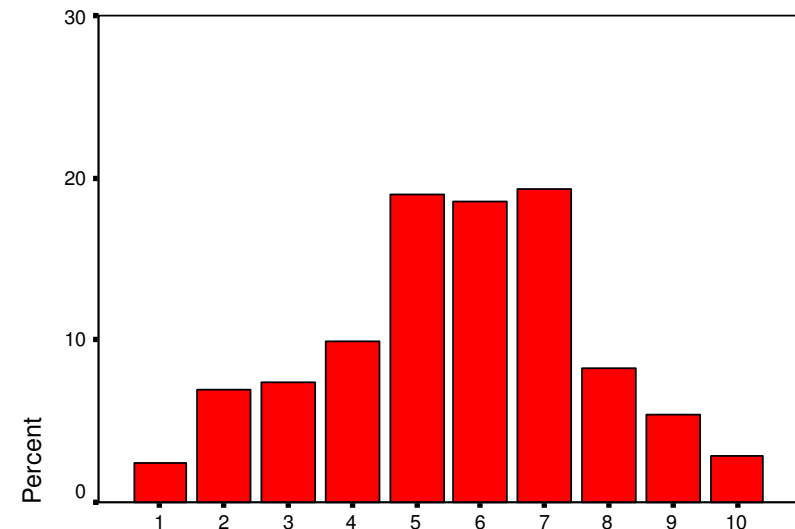
Receivers (n=586)

Overall content readiness



Overall content readiness **Mean = 5.62**

Overall Content Readiness



Overall Content Readiness **Mean = 6.41**

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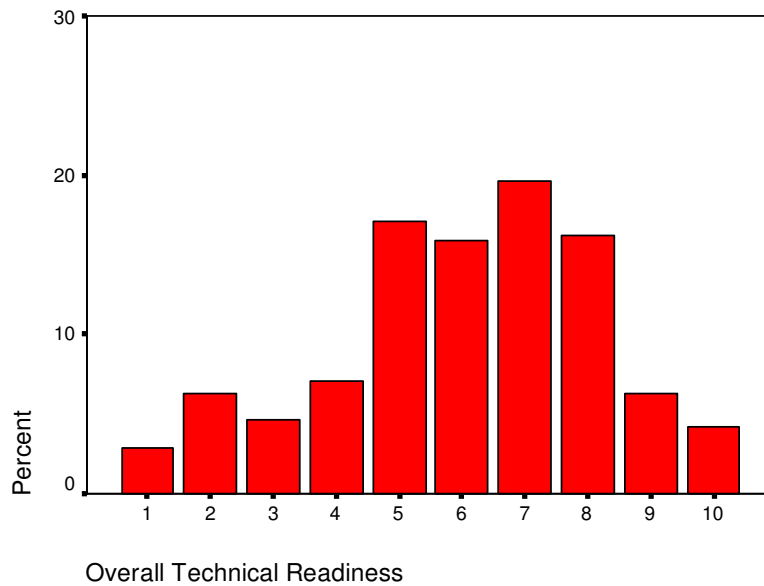
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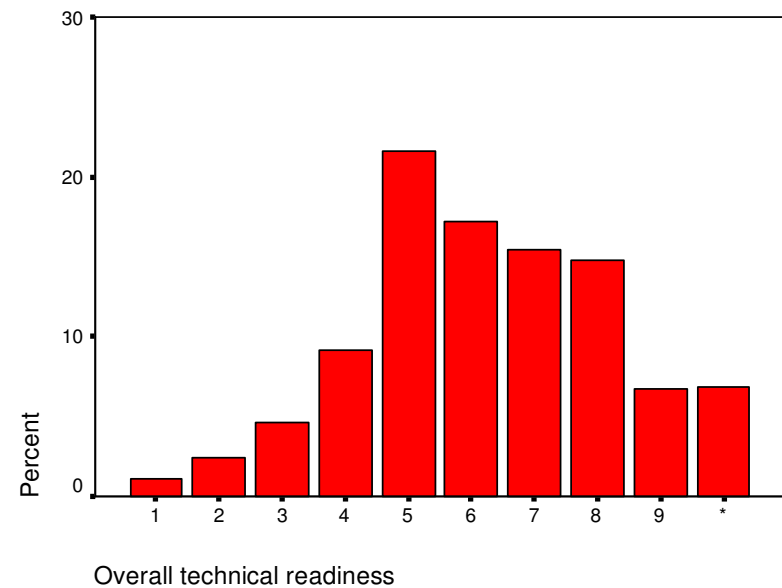
Overall Technical Readiness



Mean = 6.03

Receivers (n=586)

Overall technical readiness



Mean = 6.24

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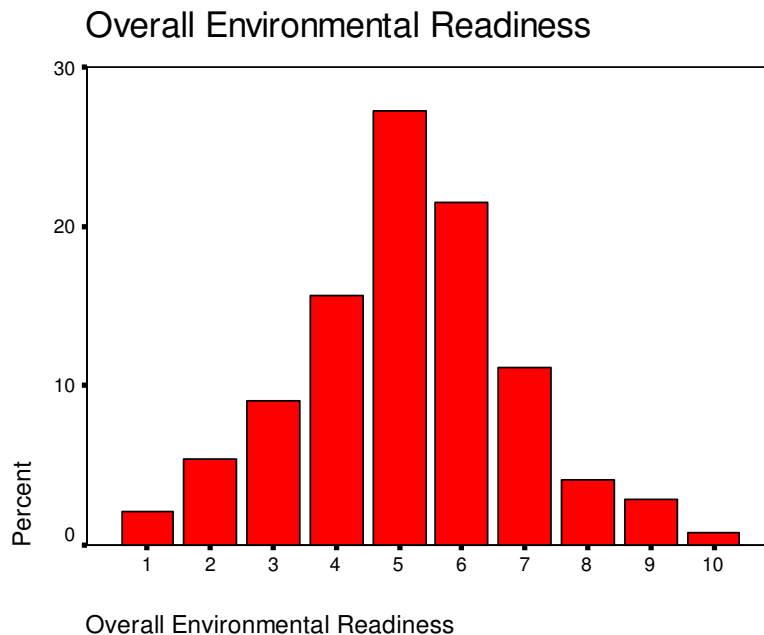


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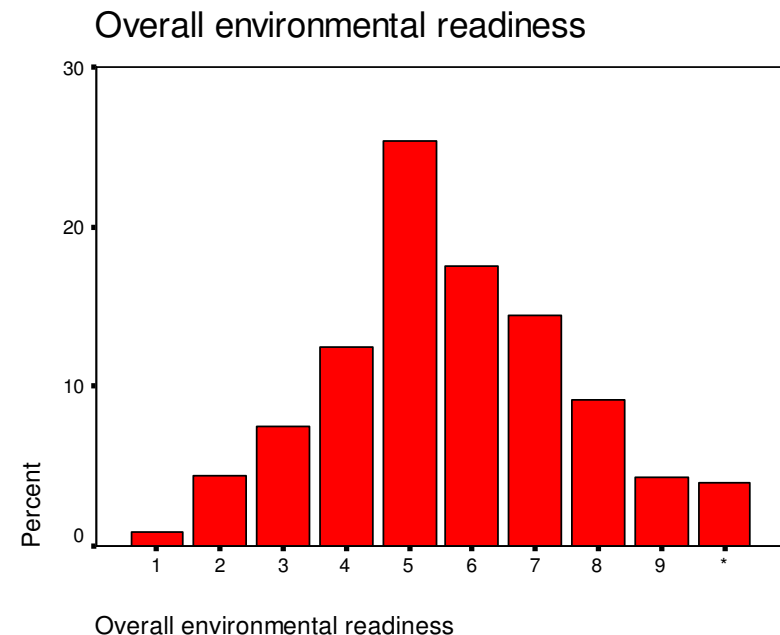


Enablers (n=247)



Mean = 5.14

Receivers (n=586)



Mean = 5.67

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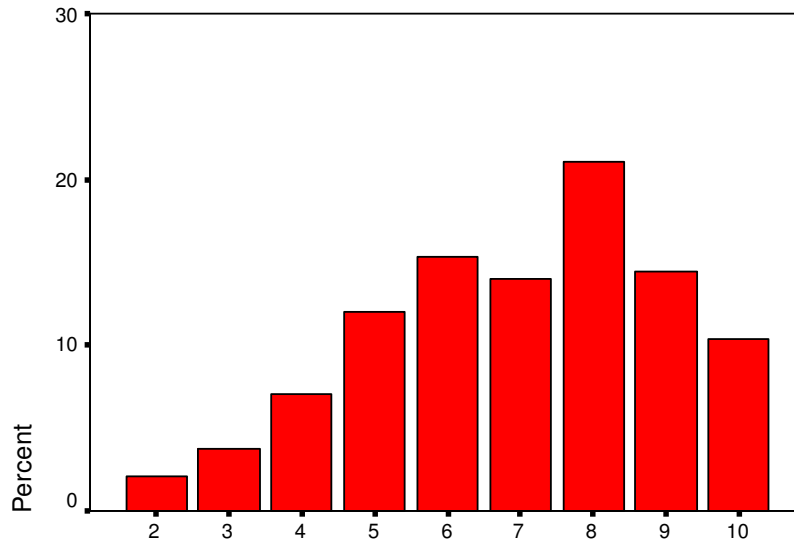




Enablers (n=247)

Receivers (n=586)

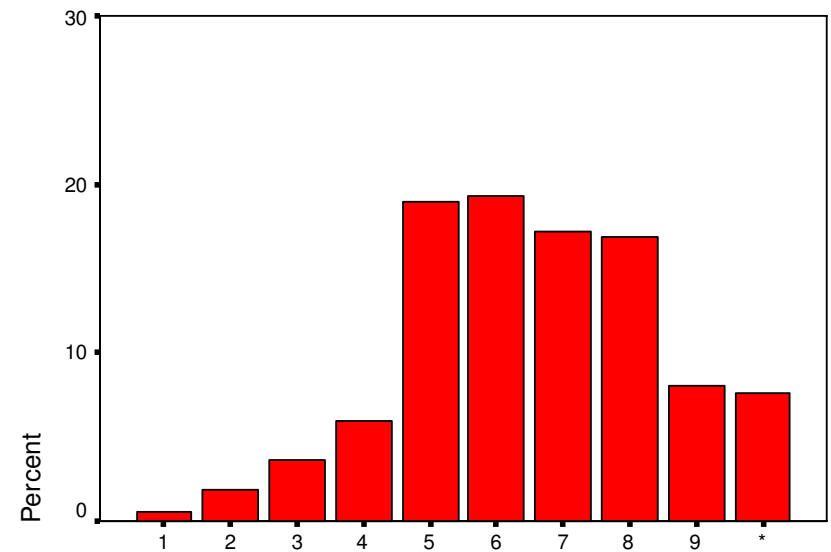
Overall Cultural Readiness



Overall Cultural Readiness

Mean = 6.95

Overall cultural readiness



Overall cultural readiness

Mean = 6.54

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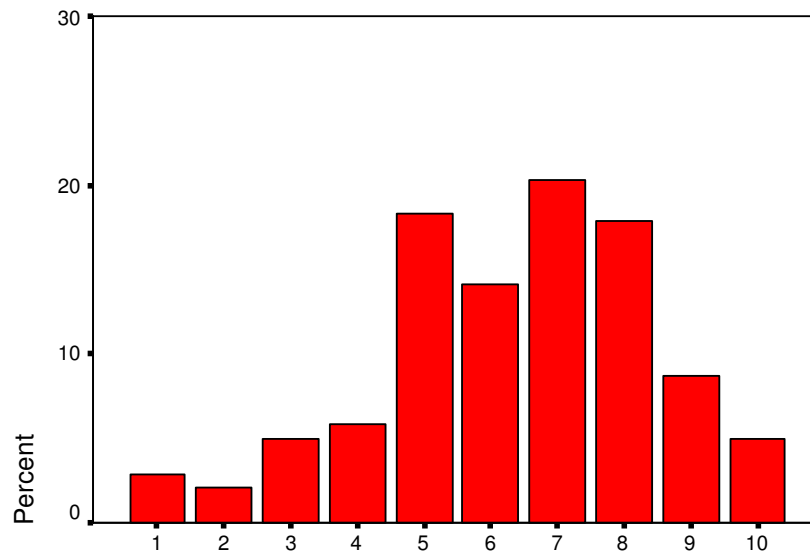
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Enablers (n=247)

Overall Financial Readiness

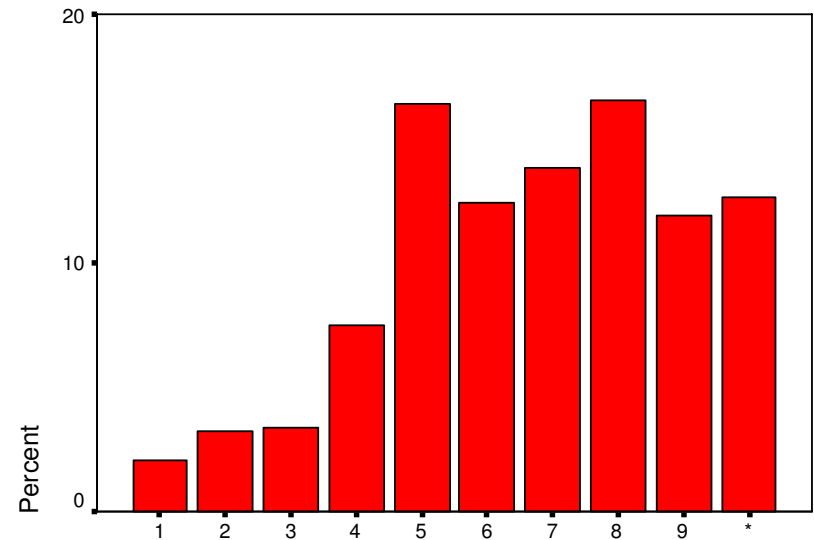


Overall Financial Readiness

Mean = 6.34

Receivers (n=586)

Overall financial readiness



Overall financial readiness

Mean = 6.68

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Summary of Findings

	Enabler (N=247) Mean Ratings	Receiver (N=586) Mean Ratings
Learner Readiness	5.59	6.98
Management Readiness	5.91	-
Personnel Readiness	5.71	-
Content Readiness	5.62	6.41
Technical Readiness	6.03	6.24
Environmental Readiness	5.14	5.67
Cultural Readiness	6.95	6.54
Financial Readiness	6.34	6.68

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Highlights of Findings

- General ratings are above average
- Ranking among enablers (cultural (6.95), financial, technical, personnel, content, learner, environment (5.14))
- Ranking among receivers (learner (6.98), financial, cultural, content, technical, environment (5.67))
- Environmental readiness rated the lowest
- Learners tend to favour e-Learning more than their lecturers
- Learners more ready than lecturers think

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Conclusion/Implications

- Enablers
 - Environment
 - Learner
 - Content
 - Personnel
 - Technical
 - Financial
 - Cultural
- Receivers
 - Environment
 - Technical
 - Content
 - Cultural
 - Financial
 - Learner

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