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ABSTRACT

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Lifelong learning gained significance on the international education agenda after UNESCO Faure Report (1972), and the subsequent Delor Report (1996). With accelerating development in science and technology leading to changes in all aspects of work and life, lifelong learning has become a must if one is to stay in one's job, remain functional in life, and be a global citizen. Digital technology has revolutionized the way people learn by supporting and facilitating learning through life. It is bringing learning resources to learners, creating learning environment right in one's home, one's workplace and other sites. Education by bringing learners to school is beginning to be complemented by bringing "school" to lifelong learners. With digital devices, people can flexibly learn anytime, anywhere in the most suitable way. This paper reviews the digital technology as an accelerator of lifelong learning practice and points out the challenges that are inherent in any change. Finally, it recommends measures to overcome the challenges.