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Education, cutting-edge research, innovation,
science and technology are the key
ingredients of sustainable social and economic
development.

“NETWORKING”

The solutions to most of the world's problems are addressed

- in collaboration
- among interdisciplinary teams
- as global projects, considering local and regional information and participation

“NETWORKING”

Thanks to the advanced academic networks, institutions are not limited to the usage of their local resources for the development of projects:

human resources, processing capacity, storage capacity, remote labs. and instruments, ...

are now available.

“NETWORKING”

e-SCIENCE, e-LEARNING, e-CULTURE,
e-INNOVATION

The boundaries are those of the world itself.

Key words : “collaboration” and “alliances”

NREN definition (from blueprint study)

- Successful mechanisms forging collaboration among researchers and educators interconnecting communities around the globe.
- Vital component of modern teaching, research and learning.
- Essential national infrastructure (public good) comparable to roads, water and energy services.
- Centrepiece of the countries ICT plans.

NREN definition (cont.)

Primary motivation for the creation of an NREN:
economies of scale.

The greater the number of participating
institutions,

- the better the prospects for sustainability,
- the lower the cost per institution
- the higher the negotiating strength.

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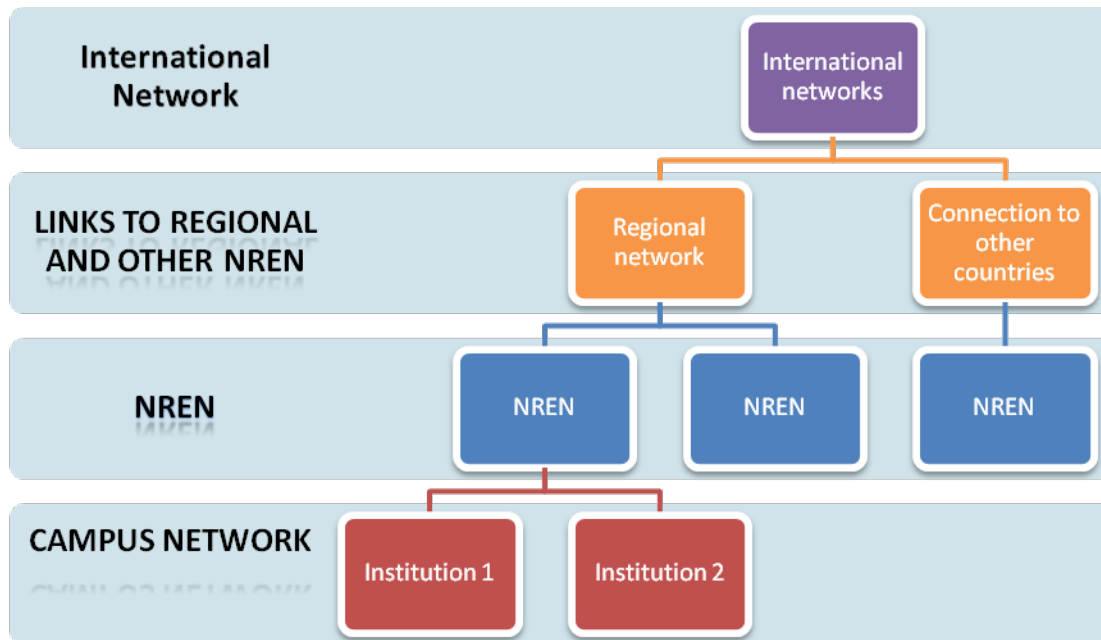
Caribbean Knowledge Learning Network

CKLN's **strategic objective** is to enhance **global competitiveness** of the Caribbean by upgrading and diversifying the skills and knowledge of human resources in the region through greater **regional collaboration and connectivity**.

C@ribNET - CARICOM

There's an opportunity for CKLN and its members, to conduct a process for establishing C@ribNET as the most important ICT tool for the region and for developing CARICOM strategies and plans,

- Taking advantage of the new possibilities /opportunities
- Knowing that “unity is strength”. Globalization is real.
- Empowering democracy, equity and development for the Carribean.
- Forging competitiveness of the region.



BUT...

((*) Blueprint study picture)

- How CARICOM countries should be organized as NRENs?
- Where will the economies of scale, budgets, human resources, services, be allocated?
- How will solidarity, equity be addressed?
- Should you have different types of NRENs?