THE CASE FOR C@ribNET

The Caribbean has been digitally excluded from the World’s Education, Knowledge and Research Networks. C@ribNET is intended to close that hole and remedy the breach.
C@ribNET FUNDING

C@ribNET is funded principally by the European Union and the funds managed thru the World Bank

Governing Instruments are Trust & Grant Agreements with EU and WB

Funds transferred to CKLN in August 2009
C@ribNET MOVEMENT

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for C@ribNET is constituted and met in Grenada on 17th September, 2009

Five (5) Working Groups have been formed with diverse membership, each led by a Chairperson
C@ribNET MOVEMENT

Consultancy to assess needs, develop strategy & business and operational plans for C@ribNET now in the field

All CARICOM countries, British dependencies and DR involved

Consultancy outputs to inform design and engineering of network
C@ribNET MOVEMENT

MOU signed with Internet2 in April 2009

MOU to be signed with CLARA and DANTE before the end of 2009

CLARA has offered support in training, communications and procurement

- Already provided PR support
NEXT STEPS in C@ribNET DEVELOPMENT

Identification of repositories of data and information suitable for network access

Request for SOI released for design and build of the C@ribNET physical backbone network

The design and configuration of national networks

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C@ribNET TIMELINE

• **Second Week of October 2009**
  – Country consultations in progress; first workshop held in Jamaica for Western Caribbean stakeholders

• **Third Week of October 2009**
  – Pre-qualify contractors to design and build physical C@ribNET regionall backbone
C@ribNET TIMELINE

• Second Week of November 2009
  – Draft SoR for C@ribNET presented
    • Technology-neutral document that identifies high-level architecture and design options; interconnectivity requirements etc.

• Second Week of January 2010
  – Draft Strategy, Business & Operational plans for C@ribNET provided

• Second week of February 2010
  – Business and operational plans complete
C@ribNET TIMELINE

• First Week of March 2010
  – RFP for network provisioning released

• Second Week of March 2010
  – Bandwidth procurement begins

• First Week of September 2010
  – C@ribNET backbone operational with at least 3 NRENs and interconnections to Internet2, CLARA and GEANT in place
The **value** of a Knowledge, Education and Research Network is directly proportional to the **number** of institutions connected to the Network.

The **value** is extracted from the **content and applications and the people** joined together and working collaboratively.
CARIBBEAN CONNECTIONS FOR:

- e-Learning and Training
- e-Health
- Functional cooperation among Caribbean states
- Supporting Caribbean Single Market and Economy
- Facilitating the all-round strengthening of Caribbean Integration efforts
C@ribNET: OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

- Consultations on Membership Models
- Access agreements for NRENs/RRENs
- Consultations on existing applications and availability to C@ribNET stakeholders
- Lessons learned from operations and other pertinent matters
- Group procurement and training possibilities

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