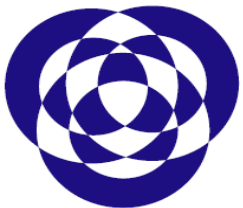


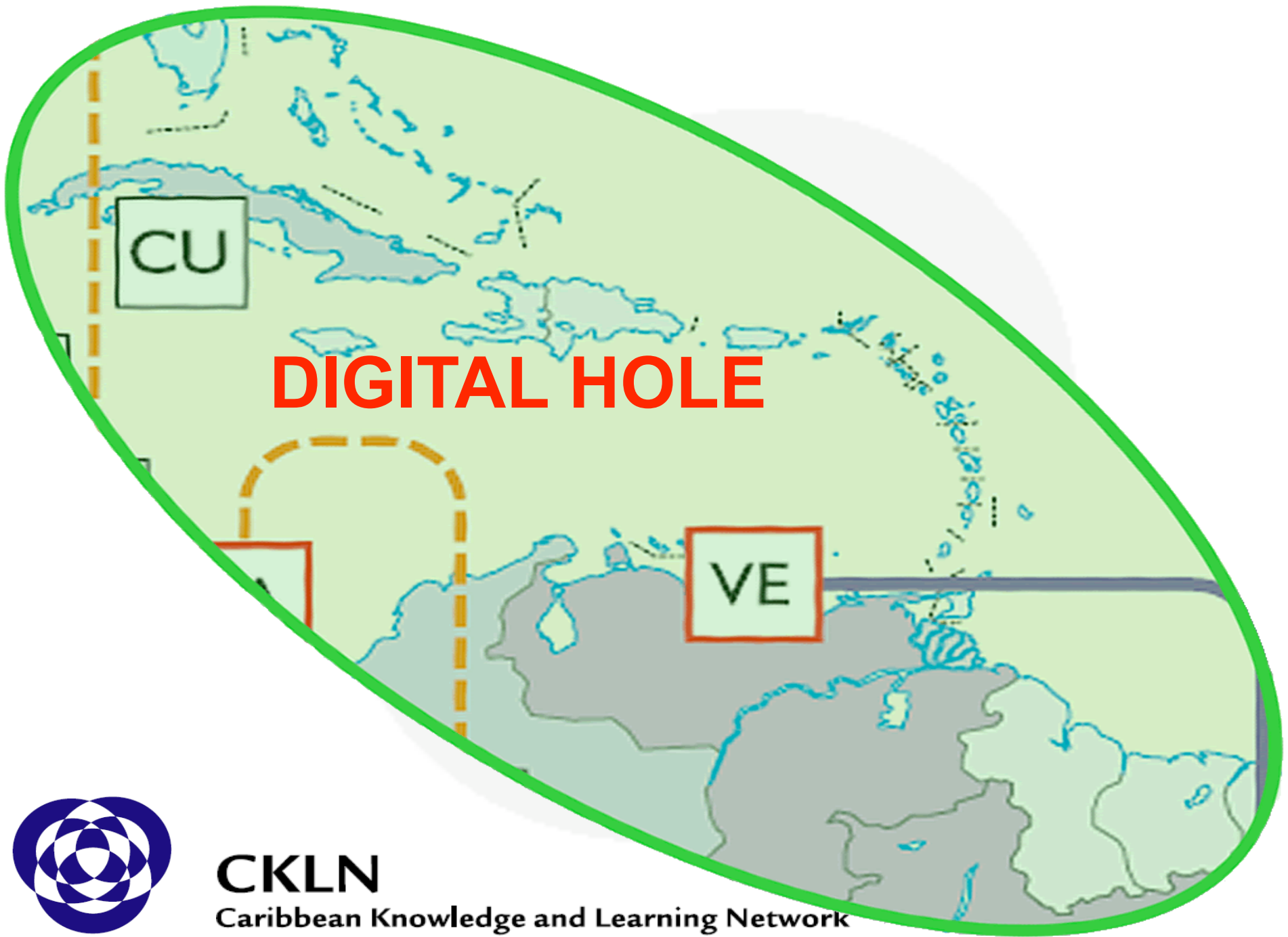
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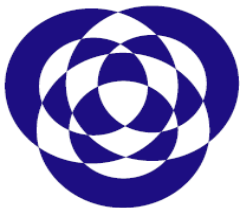


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THE MANDATE

- **CHOG:**

- **Acknowledged** the threat of social exclusion posed by the digital divide and the real presence of a “**digital hole**” in the Caribbean,
- **Mandated** the development and implementation of a Regional Research and Education Network for the Caribbean (**C@ribNET**);
- **Anticipates** the crucial role that **C@ribNET** could play in regional Functional Cooperation
- **Endorsed** CKLN as a CARICOM Project in March 2004 and the vehicle to coordinate and manage the development of **C@ribNET**
- **Proposed** that CKLN be transformed and become a regional intergovernmental agency to further institutionalize the **C@ribNET** initiative

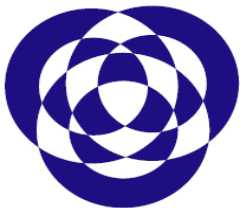


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PURPOSE of C@ribNET

- Provide High Capacity Social Bandwidth to CARICOM countries in support of e-Education, e-Learning, Research, e-Government, e-Health, e-Inclusion and Regional Security
- Facilitate connection of regional TEIs to universities and other resources in Europe, the United States and elsewhere for research, collaboration and knowledge sharing.

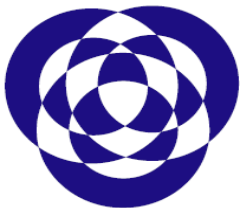


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PURPOSE of C@ribNET

- Support for the **CSME** and strengthening **Functional Cooperation** amongst CARICOM Member States
- Bridge the digital divide in the region to achieve social cohesion of Caribbean peoples



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C@ribNET COMPONENTS

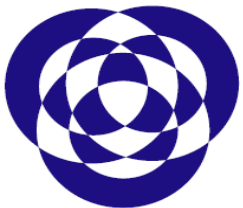
1. Assist CARICOM Member States in the development of National Education and Research Networks (**NRENs**)
2. Provide an advanced, high bandwidth, high availability backbone connecting all **CARIFORUM** countries, which includes the Dominican Republic
3. Develop the Business Model and Regional Mechanism for sustainability of **C@ribNET**



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C@ribNET - VISION

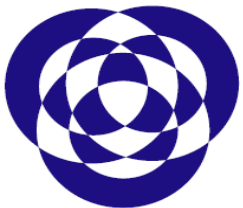


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C@ribNET TIMELINE

- **Third Week of May 2009**
 - Begin development of C@ribNET implementation strategy and business plan
- **First Week of June 2009**
 - Consultant deliver draft work programme
- **Second Week of June, 2009**
 - Country consultations for input to regional strategy + Business Plan and scoping the NRENs to begin

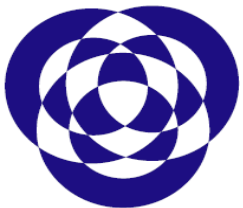


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C@ribNET TIMELINE

- **Fourth Week of October 2009**
 - Country consultations completed and preliminary report + draft Business Plan delivered
- **First Week of December 2009**
 - Workshop to present and finalize Business Plan plus operating strategies for **C@ribNET** held

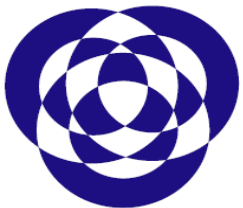


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C@ribNET TIMELINE

- **January 2010**
 - Physical regional & national network implementations to begin
- **July 2010**
 - Regional backbone operational and tied into **GEANT**, **INTERNET₂** and **redCLARA**

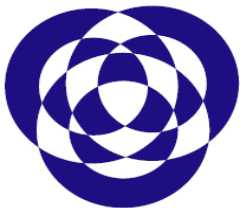


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C@ribNET: FUNDING PARTNERS

- CARICOM Governments
- EU
- IADB
- OAS
- Private entities
- Friendly Governments

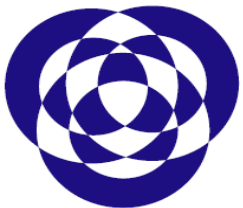


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C@ribNET: OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

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



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