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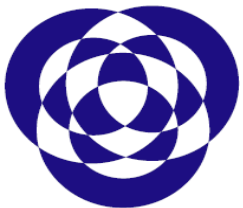
**Internet2 Fall Members
Meeting**

San Antonio, Texas

October 5, 2009

Carlton A Samuels

C@ribNET Project Manager



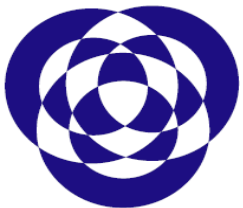
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THE CASE FOR C@ribNET

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



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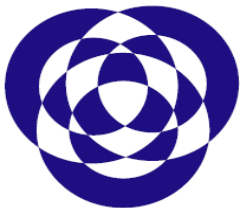
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C@ribNET FUNDING

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**



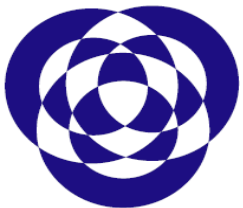
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C@ribNET MOVEMENT

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



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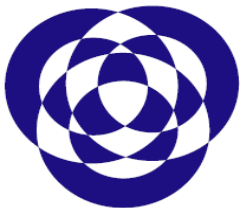
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C@ribNET MOVEMENT

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



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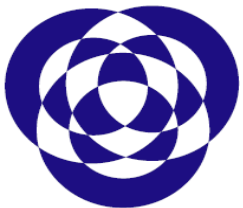
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C@ribNET MOVEMENT

**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**

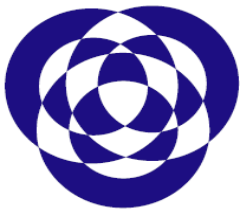


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Already provided PR support

NEXT STEPS in C@ribNET DEVELOPMENT

Identification of **repositories of data and information** suitable for network access

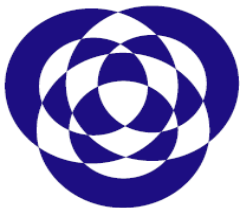
Request for SOI released for design and build of the **C@ribNET** physical backbone network



The design and configuration of
CKLN 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 regional backbone

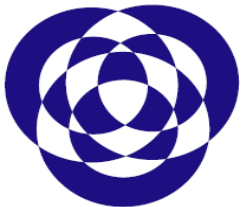


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C@ribNET TIMELINE

- **Second Week of November 2009**
 - **Draft SoR for C@ribNET** presented
 - Technology-neutral document that identifies hi-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

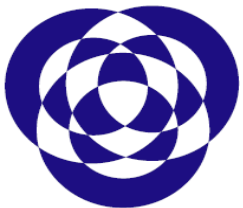


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C@ribNET TIMELINE

- **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



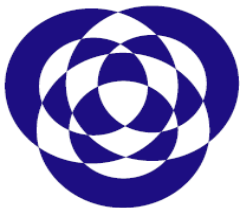
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C@ribNET VALUE PROPOSITION

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



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CARIBBEAN CONNECTIONS FOR:

- q e-Learning and Training
- q e-Health
- q Functional cooperation among Caribbean states
- q Supporting Caribbean Single Market and Economy
- q Facilitating the all-round strengthening of Caribbean Integration efforts



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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



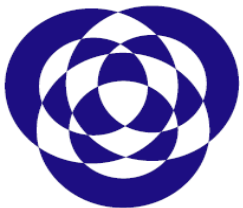
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