



TRANS**AFRICAN** NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

Concept and life of a National Focal Point

Librarian Workshop / Librarians as Institutional Focal Points

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Who am I ?

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Once upon a time : a survey

- **TANDEM Survey**
 - Identifying communities needs
- **Role of Focal Point**
 - Raise awareness of Community in importance of TANDEM-WACREN Servey



TANDEM-WACREN National Research and Education Network Survey

English

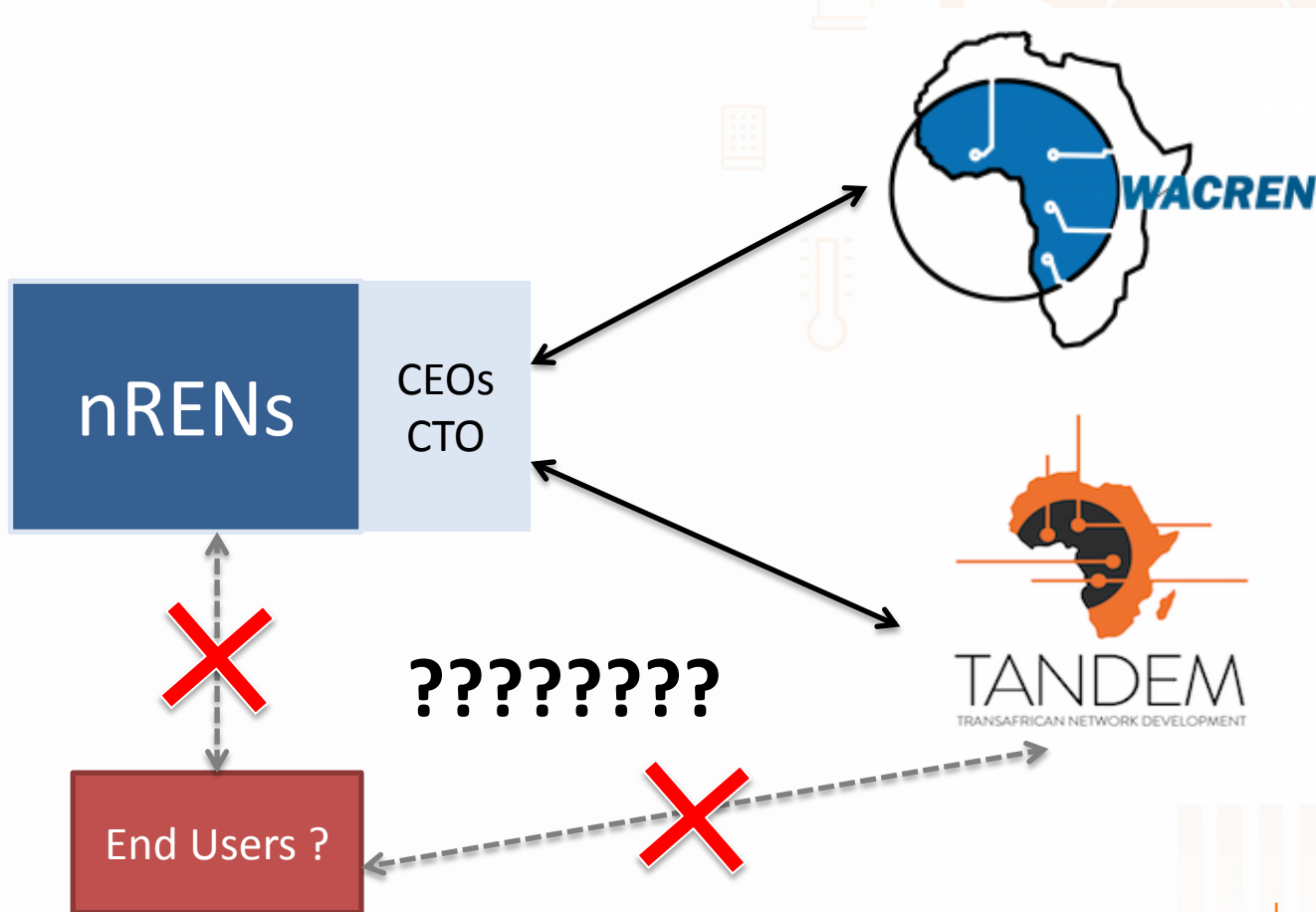
Change the language

A survey to establish the need for National Research and Education Networks and Services

[TANDEM Project Website](#)

TANDEM
WWW.TANDEM-WACREN.EU

nREN and TANDEM-WACREN



Why a nFP

■ Finding

- **Send an Email as an unknown person**
 - Nothing Happen
- **Touch someone via his community**
 - You will get his attention

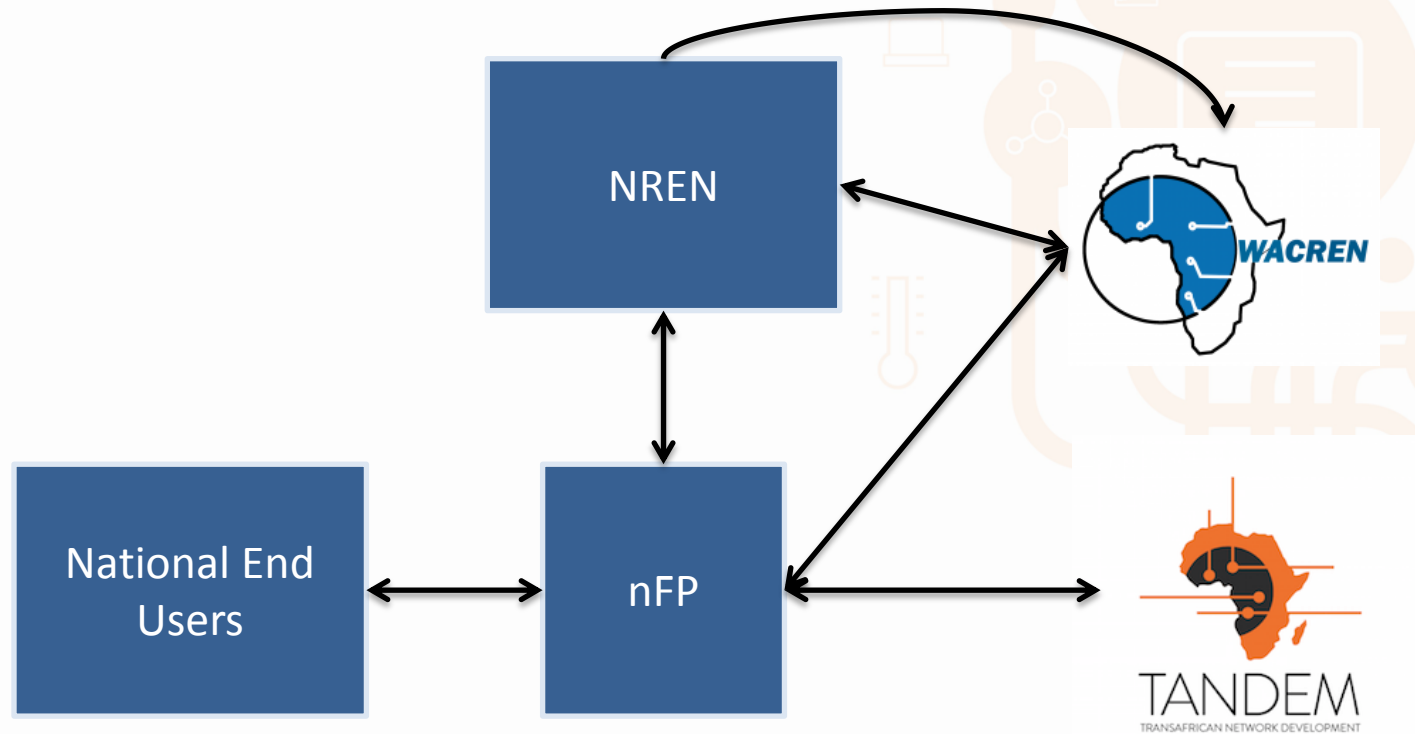
■ Prior aim

- **Shorten distance between end users needs and projects achievements**
- **Increase applications to training, projects and funds opportunities**

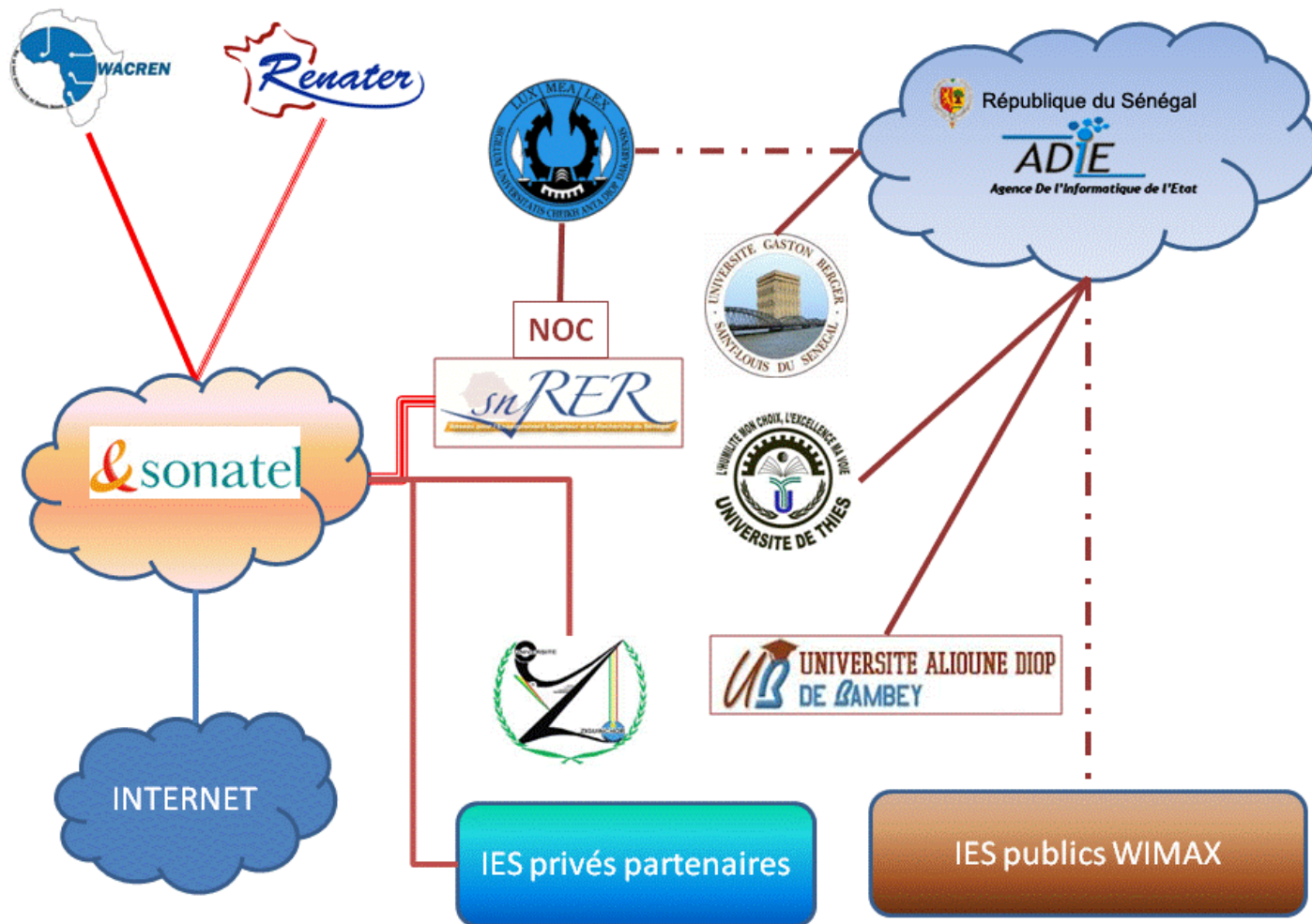
■ Ultimate aim

- **Create communities of practices that collaborate**
- **Building local infrastructure and services**

Life of a Focal Point : Linking Projects to stakeholders

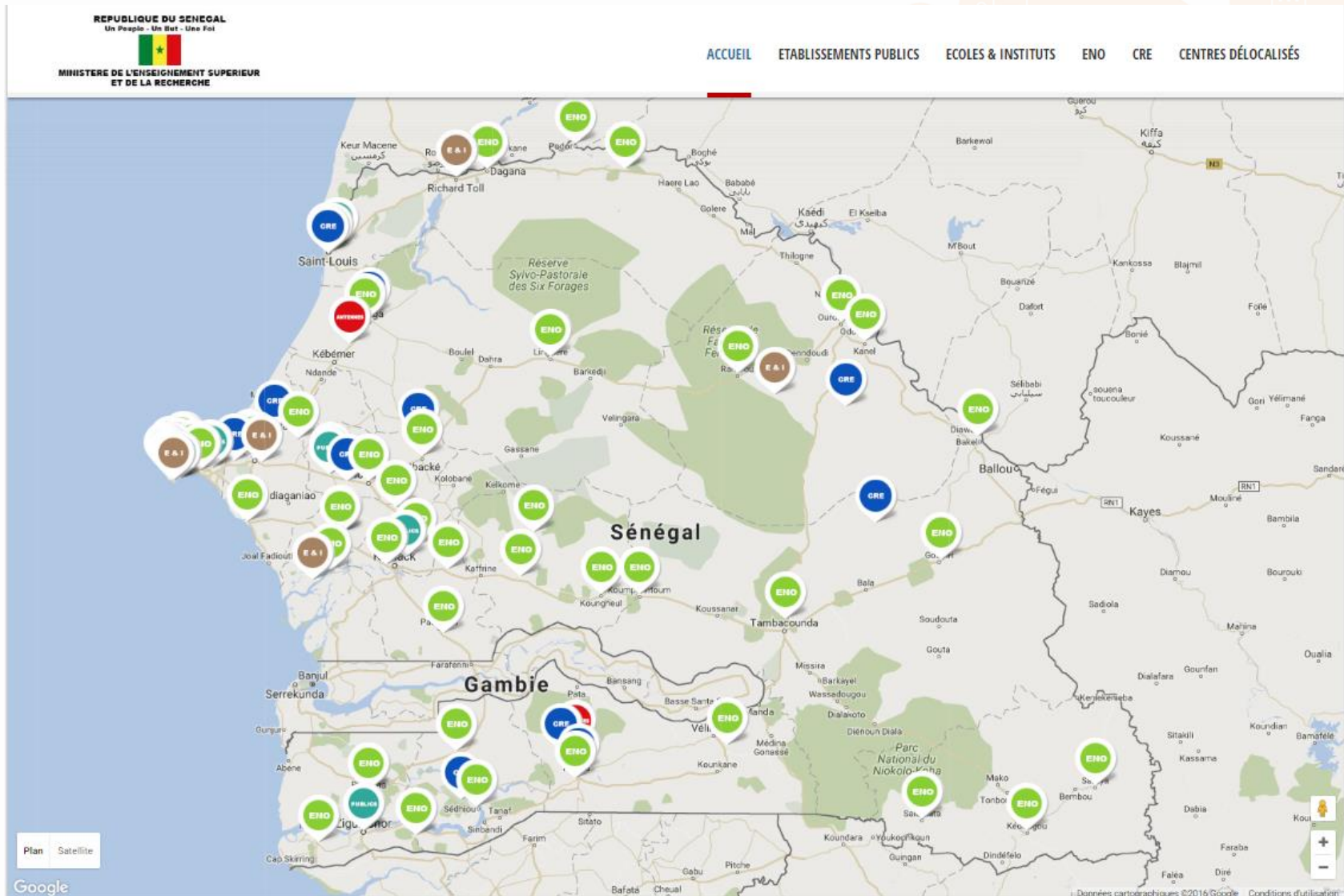


snRER Achievements



Life of a Focal Point : Build Human Networking for snRER!!!

■ Senegalese High Education Institutions



Life of a Focal Point : Communities for advocacy !!!

■ Meet Researchers in universities

- UCAD (Université Cheikh Anta Diop) - Dakar
- UGB (Université Gaston Berger) - St Louis
- UDZ (Université de Ziguinchor) - Ziguinchor
- UT (Université de Thiès) - Thiès
- UB (Université de Bambey) – Bambey
- UVS (Université Virtuelle du Sénégal)

■ Meet Research Institutes

- Institut Paster
- IRD
- ...

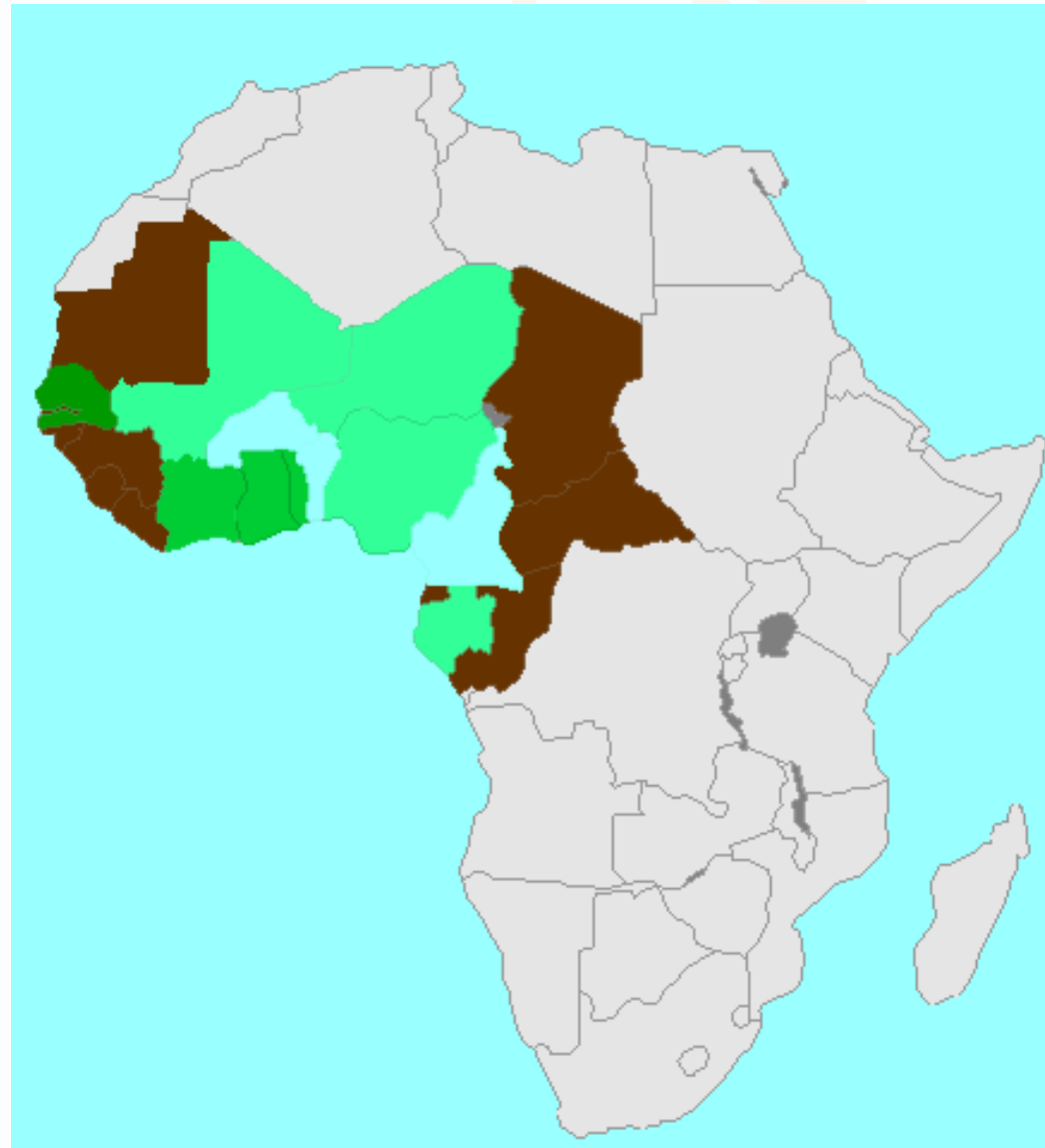
■ Meet specialized communities

- ASCII
- COBES
- Chemistries
- Mathematicians



Life of a Focal Point : Participate in nFP community

- **Share among WACREN-snFP**
 - **Good Ideas**
 - **Best Practice**
 - **Opportunities**

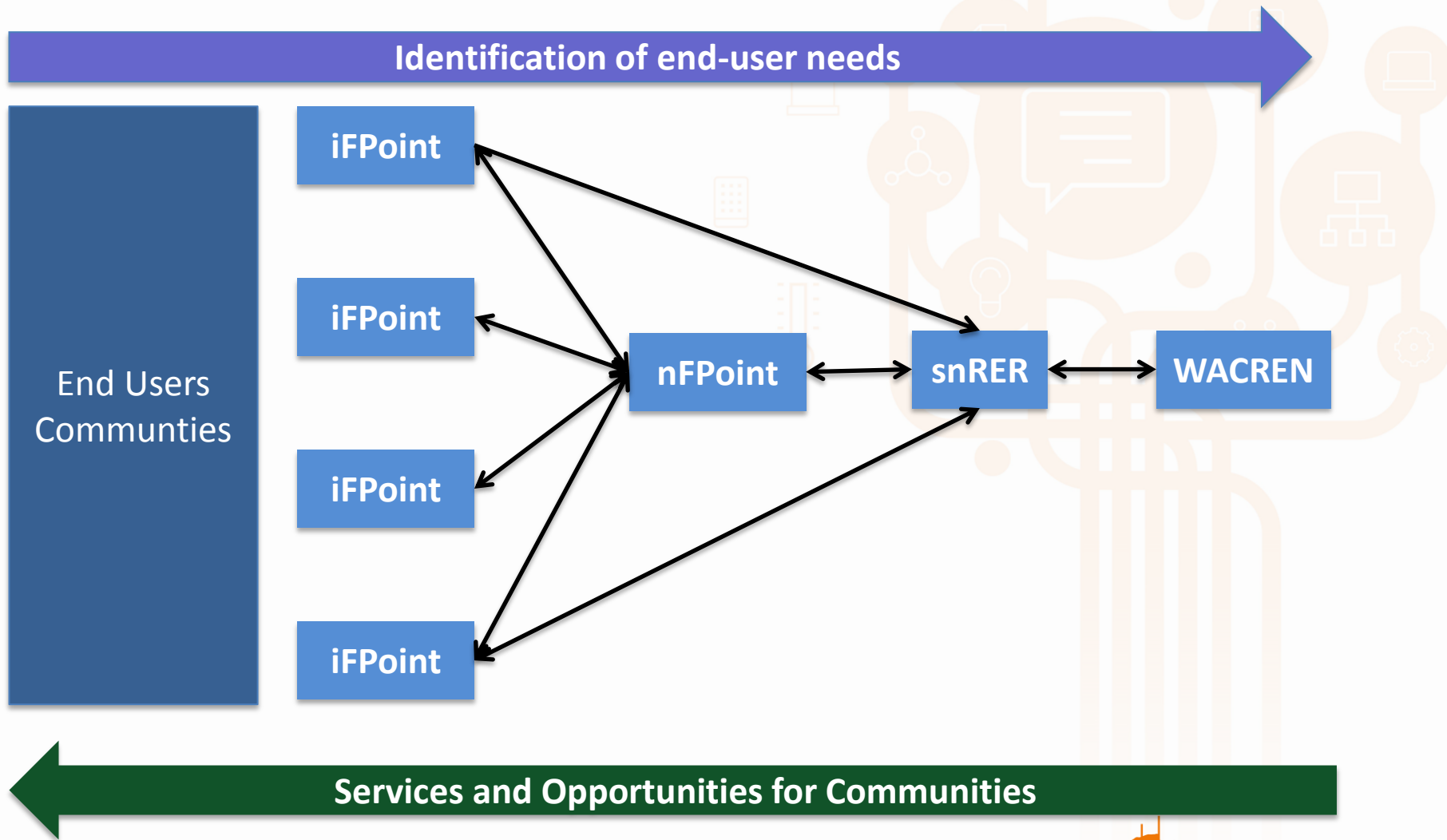


Let's go further !!!: Institutional Focal Point WorkShop

- Build a more decentralized Human Network
 - Librarians



Organisation autour des iFP



Challenges

- **Make people Understand opportunities In WACREN/TANDEM**
 - Apply to training and funding opportunities
- **Get Attention of a very busy community : Researchers**
 - Most of Emails are ignored and physical discussion is not possible all the time
- **Talk to people that are waiting for good Internet connection**
- **Identify projects inside community**
 - There are lots of suspicion of plagiarism inside community
- **Working when nREN is focussed on infrastructure**



Thank you!

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