

Towards AfricaConnect2

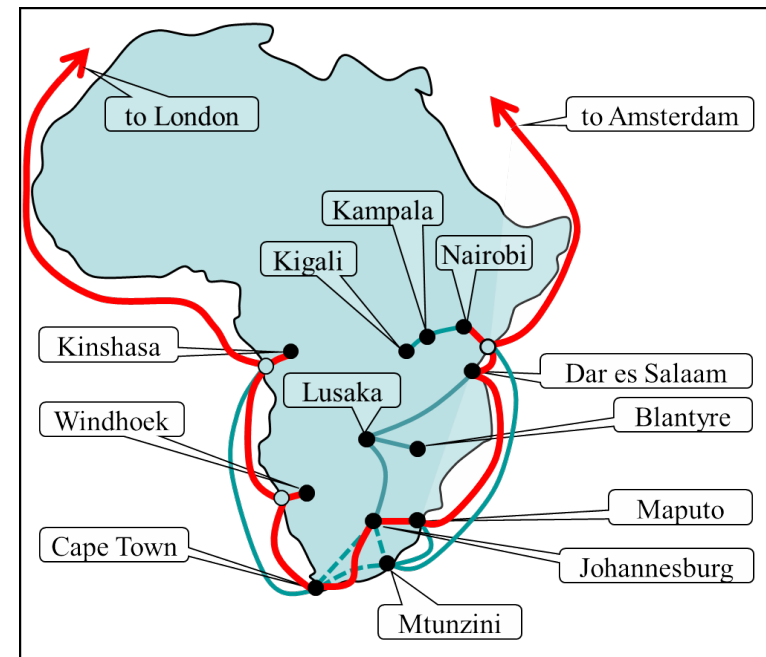
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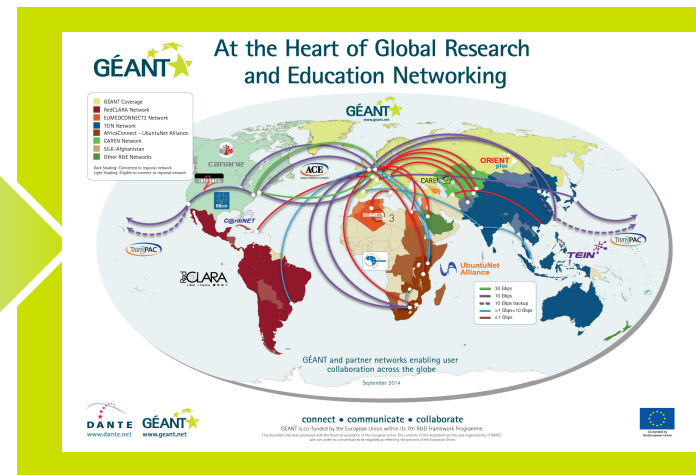
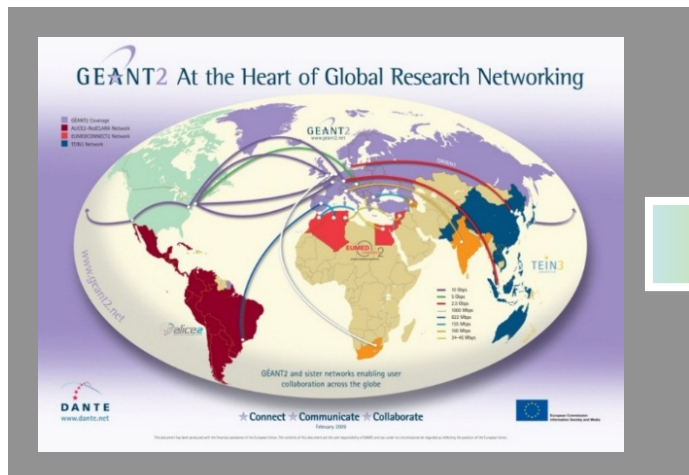
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- AfricaConnect FED/2010/255139
- 4 year contract starting on 6 May 2011, ends May 2015
- Total Value 14.75M of which Euro 2.95M African contribution
- Funded through the EDF in the context of the ACP Programme
- Jointly managed between the UbuntuNet Alliance and DANTE



We need to keep Dreaming!

- International R&E collaboration is increasingly Global
- Global means Global
- GEANT's Global IP capacity continuous to Increase
- West Africa is still not part of the Global R&E Fabric



AfricaConnect2 – what we know so far



- AfricaConnect2

- Pan African, funded through the DCI
- 4.5 year Project timeframe 2015 – 2019/20
- Three Clusters
 - *Southern and Eastern Africa*
 - *Contracted directly between the EC and the UbuntuNet Alliance*
 - *Western Africa (3 years, tbc)*
 - *Contracted between EC and GEANT with leadership provided through WACREN*
 - *North Africa (3 years, tbc)*
 - *Contracted between EC and GEANT*
 - *Follow-on Project from EumedConnect for North Africa with leadership provided through ASREN*



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- AfricaConnect2
 - Total Contract Value Euro 26.6M (with EC contribution at Euro 20M)
 - Funding Levels:
 - *Southern and Eastern Africa: 70:30*
 - *West Africa: 80:20*
 - *North Africa 60:40*
 - EU Member State endorsed AfricaConnect2 at the DCI Committee meeting on 30 October
 - Final EC Decision was taken November 2014
 - EC plans announcement at IST-Africa in Malawi in May 2015



Next steps

- EC and UbuntuNet Alliance to start contract negotiations for the Southern and Eastern Cluster
- EC and DANTE/GEANT to start contract negotiations for the West African and North African clusters (Combined) – close interaction with WACREN and ASREN
- Grant Application Form has been written for West and Central Africa
- Logical Frameworks to be developed for all three clusters – done for the UbuntuNet Alliance
- Coordination activities have been discussed wrt
 - Visibility
 - Training
 - User support
- Aim is to commence AC2 as early as possible to avoid funding gap for the UbuntuNet Alliance



Many thanks for your attention!

