



Unleashing Creativity and Innovation for Connectivity Services in African Research and Education Communities

Leveraging Innovation Hub Networks Across Africa

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Background and Context

- Importance of Research and Education in Africa
- The Role of Connectivity Services in Advancing Research and Education
- The Digital Divide in Africa
- Challenges and Opportunities



**CONNECTIVITY SERVICES FOR
RESEARCH
AND EDUCATION**



Importance of Connectivity Services

Importance of Connectivity Services for Research and Education
Communities in Africa

- Collaboration
- Knowledge Sharing
- Access to Global Research Networks



African Research/Education Projects and Connectivity Services

- Eduroam
- UbuntuNet Alliance
- WACREN - GTS
- AfricaConnect3 Project



African Innovation Hubs Projects and Connectivity Services

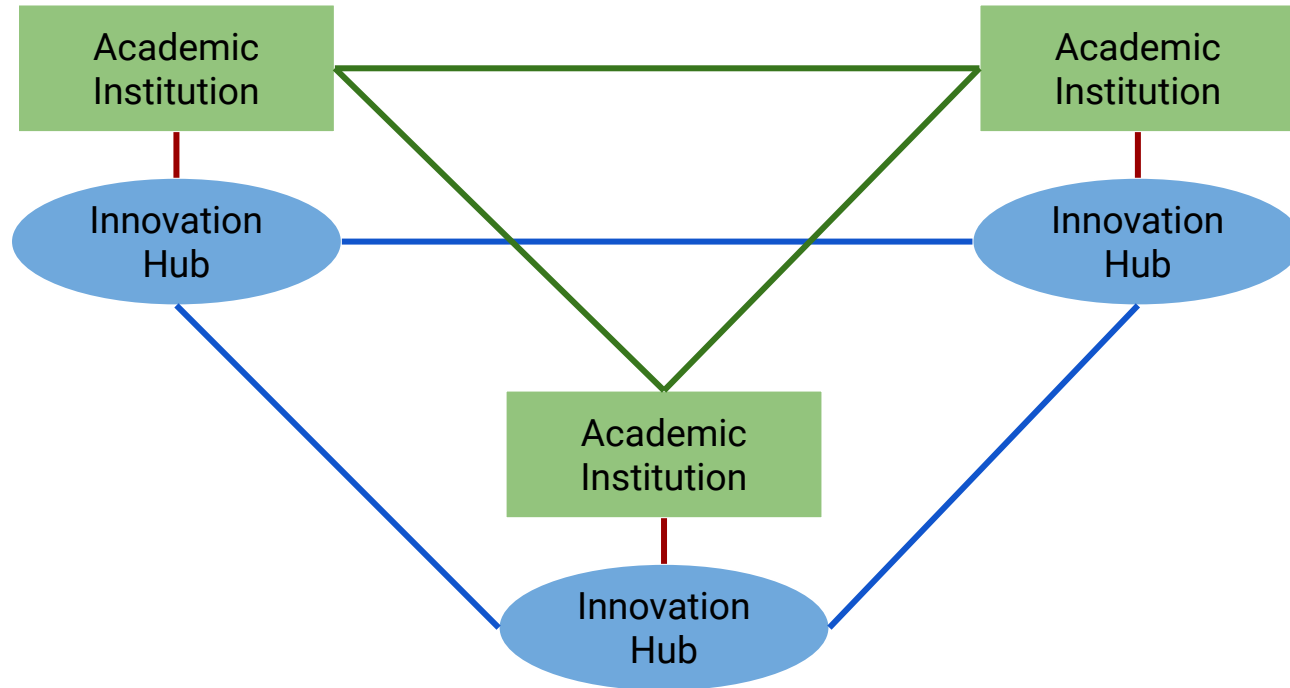
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**A PROPOSED
MODEL FOR
COLLABORATIVE
CONNECTIVITY
SERVICES**



A Proposed Model for Collaborative Connectivity Services



Critical Success Factors for Collaborative Connectivity Services

To unleash creativity and innovation in connectivity services, we must focus on:

- Infrastructure Development
- Innovative Financing Models
- Capacity Building and Skills Development
- Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange
- User-Centred Design
- Policy and Regulatory Frameworks



Recommendations and Call to Action

- Embrace (more) collaboration across communities
- Increase Support for Innovation Hubs
- Advocate for Policy Reforms
- Invest in Infrastructure
- Leverage International Partnerships
- Take Action Today!

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This presentation underscores the critical importance of fostering creativity and innovation in connectivity services within African research and education communities - leveraging innovation hub networks across Africa.

By leveraging the proposed model for collaborative connectivity services, stakeholders can collaboratively address the challenges of connectivity, bridge the digital divide, and foster a vibrant and inclusive research and education ecosystem that contributes to Africa's sustainable development.

