

# UbuntuNet Alliance – From Concept to Operations *Reflections on the Journey*

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# *Our Ethos*

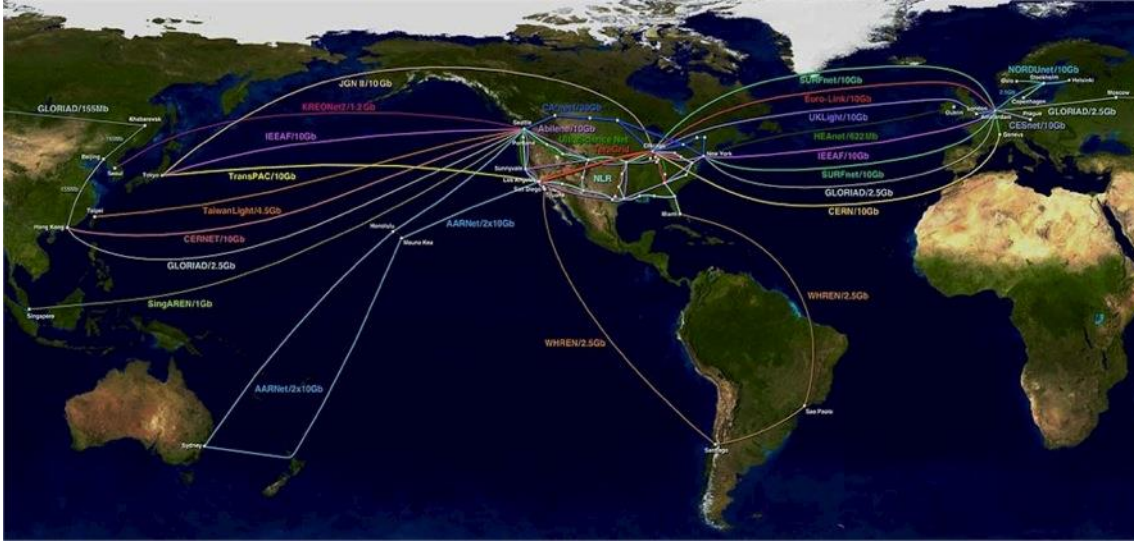
***“I Am because We Are”***

# ***Our Thesis***

- ***“Improved and affordable connectivity will enable African researchers to produce proportionate intellectual output and generate a proportionate amount of intellectual property goods”***
- ***Our objective is to end the intellectual isolation of academics and researchers in Africa***
- ***Our end is the development of our people***

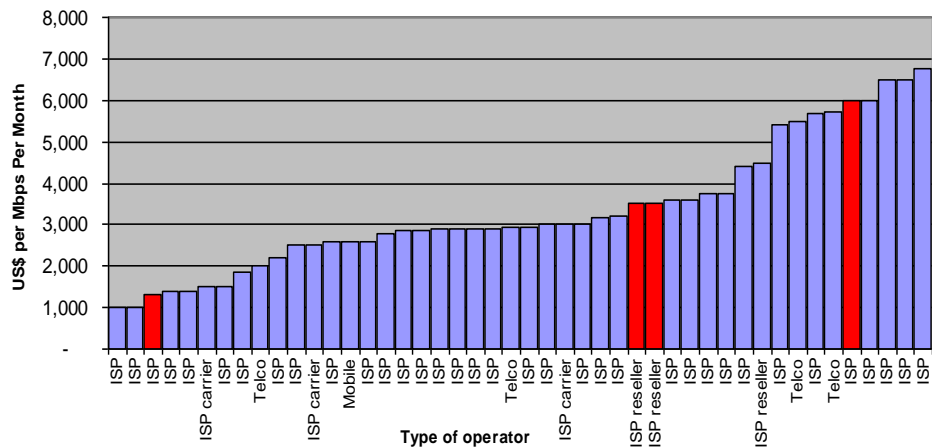
# Long, Long Ago...

**Connectivity  
Isolation ☹️;  
Exorbitant  
Pricing**



**Liz Levey and the  
BANDITS: More  
Bandwidth at Lower  
Cost**

Price per Mb, ranked in ascending order



Source: Balancing Act African Satellite Markets Report 2006

# *The Dawn of Hope*

- **NetTel@Africa**
- **Bandwidth Consortium**
- **Open Access Crusade**
- **Campus Networks**
- **SARUA Fibre Study**
- **EASSY**



*Exploring The  
Power of  
Collaboration!*



# *The Birth of the Alliance*

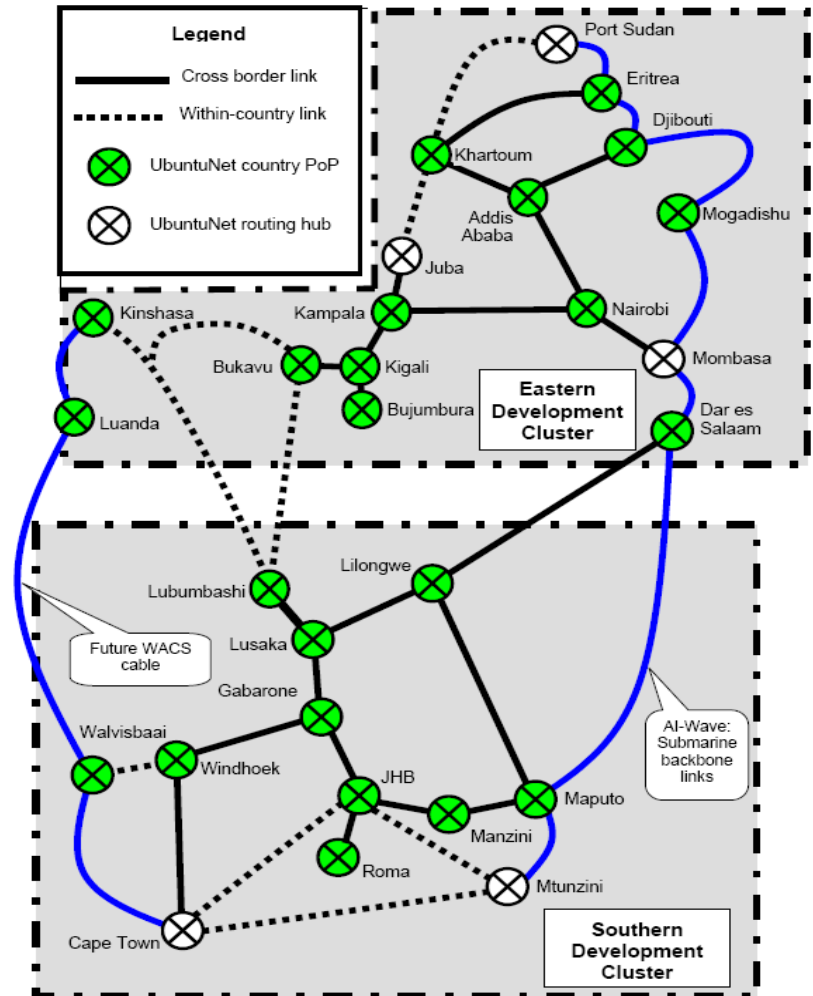


- Duncan Martin
- Margaret Ngwira
- Americo Muchanga
- Albert Nsengiyumva
- Victor Kyalo
- Zimani Kadzamira
- Bjorn Pehrson
- Carmena D'Arbella
- Steve Song
- Tiwonge Banda and Beatrice N'gambi
- ..and yours truly

# Growth and Vision



Future UbuntuNet Backbone as envisaged on 1 Nov 2008



# *The Infant, Building Trust*



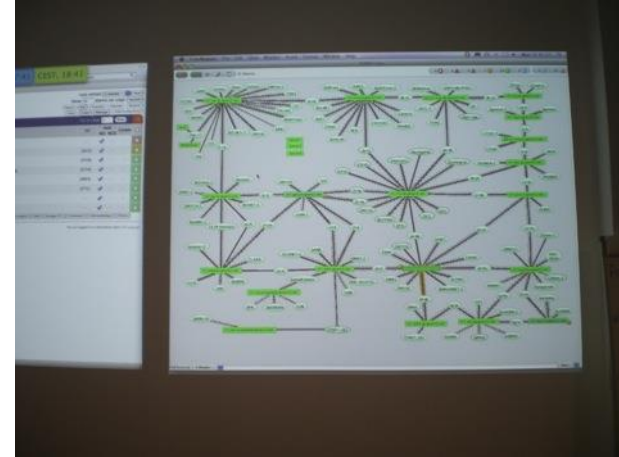
**Zombatic = Deeply Strategic**



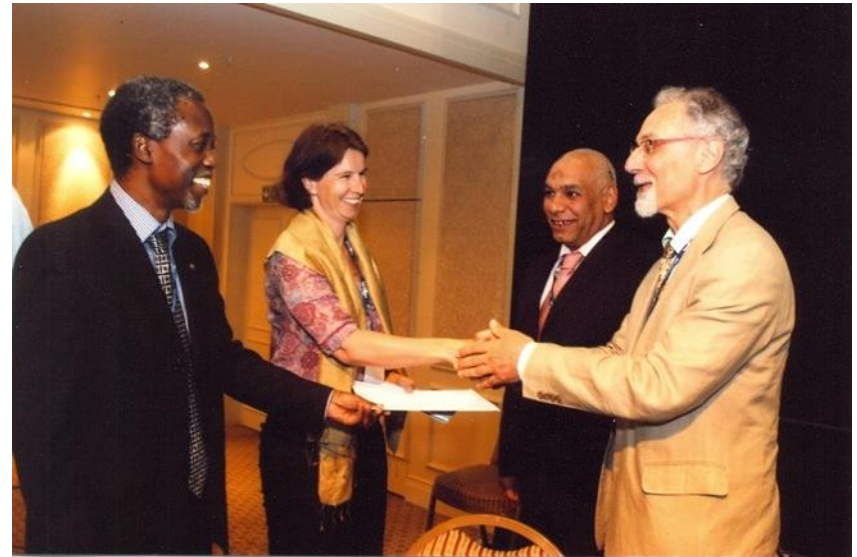
# *UbuntuNet-Connecting People!*



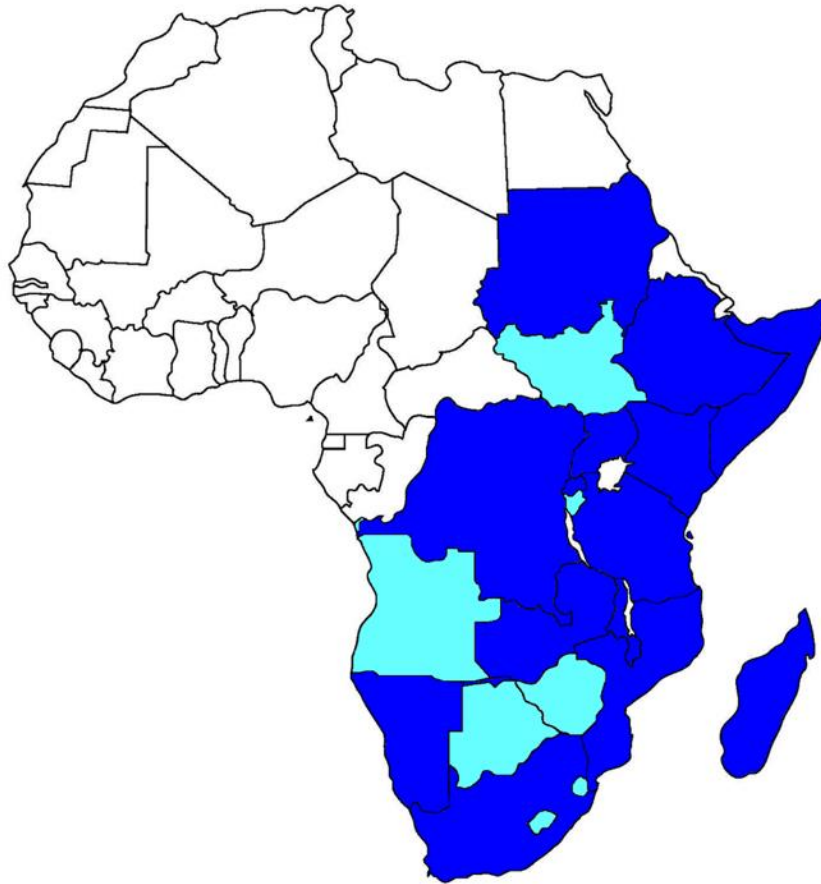
# *Working with EUC, DANTE*



***Zikomo! Merci  
Beaucoup! Asante  
Sana! Murakoze!  
Thank You!***



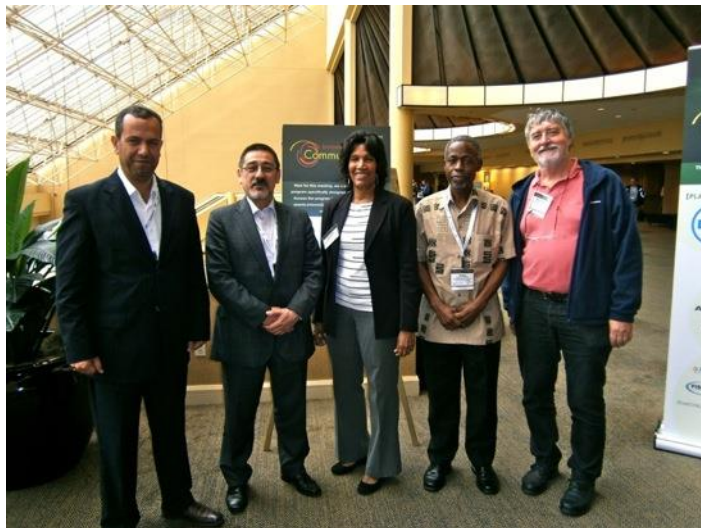
# ***Growing the Alliance***



**Sudan (SudREN)**  
**Ethiopia (EthERNet)**  
**Somalia (SomaliREN)**  
**Kenya (KENET)**  
**Uganda (RENU)**  
**DRC (Eb@le)**  
**Rwanda (RwEdNet)**  
**Burundi (BERNET)**  
**Tanzania (TERNET)**  
**Zambia (ZAMREN)**  
**Malawi (MAREN)**  
**Mozambique (MoRENet)**  
**Madagascar (iRENALA)**  
**Namibia (Xnet)**  
**South Africa (TENET)**

***Coming up:***  
**Zimbabwe (ZIMREN)**  
**Botswana (BotsREN)**

# Global Collaboration



# ***Capacity Building Collaboration: Alliance, WACREN, AfricaConnect, NSRC, INASP***



**Capacity = Sustainability**



# *Rolling out UbuntuNet*



***Requisition to DANTE: One parachute, one tent, and military rations for Joe Kimaili***

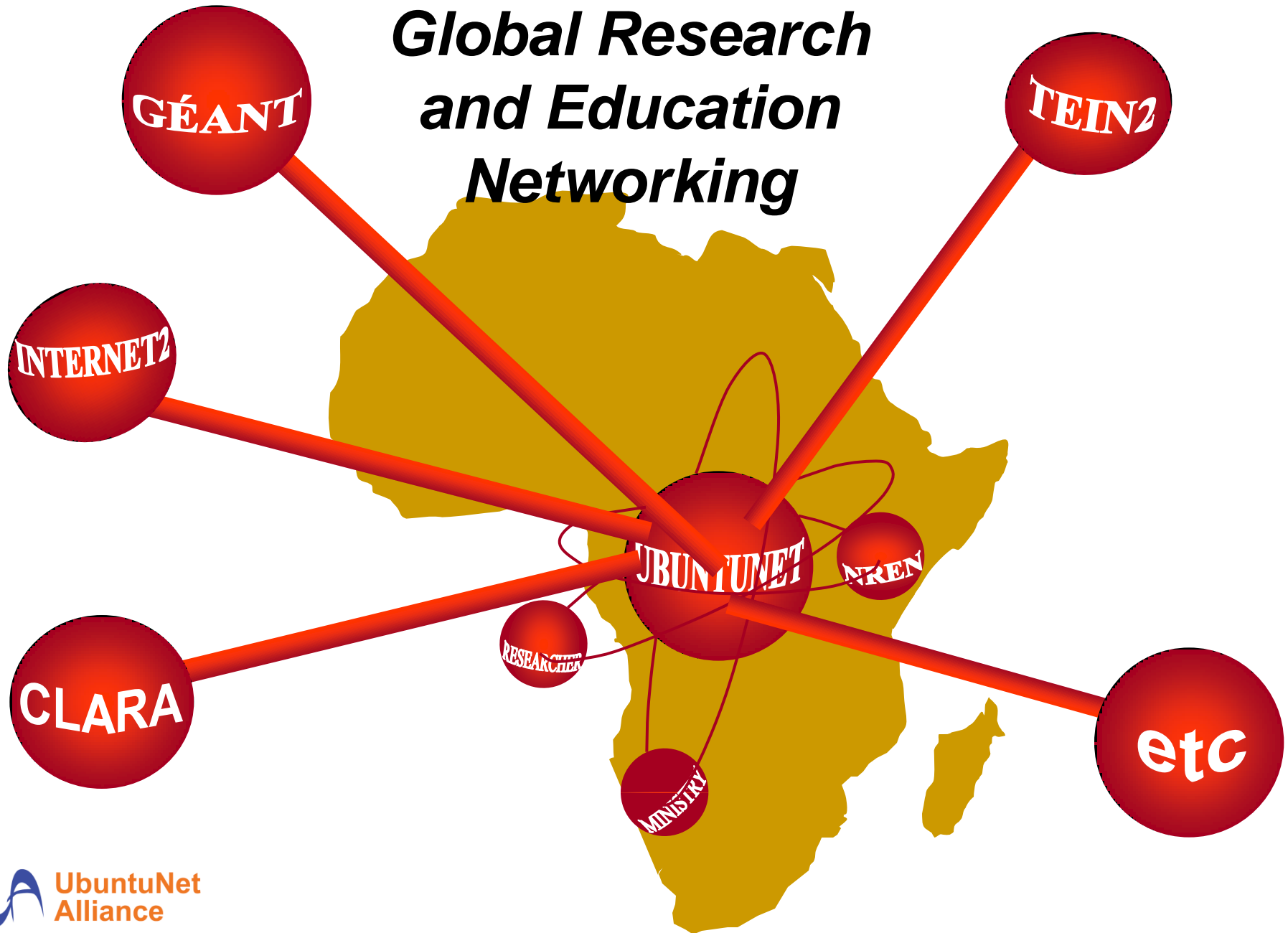


# *A Journey of one thousand miles...*

- **Failure is a luxury we cannot afford – we owe these children a future!**



# *The Nucleus of Global Research and Education Networking*



# ***In the words of Mandela..***

**“We know that we have it in ourselves as Africans, to change all this [*the challenges we face*]. We must assert our will to do so. We must say there is no obstacle big enough to stop us from bringing about an African renaissance.”**

**Thank You!**