

# Building National Expertise—

NREN Experiences in Somalia and Ethiopia



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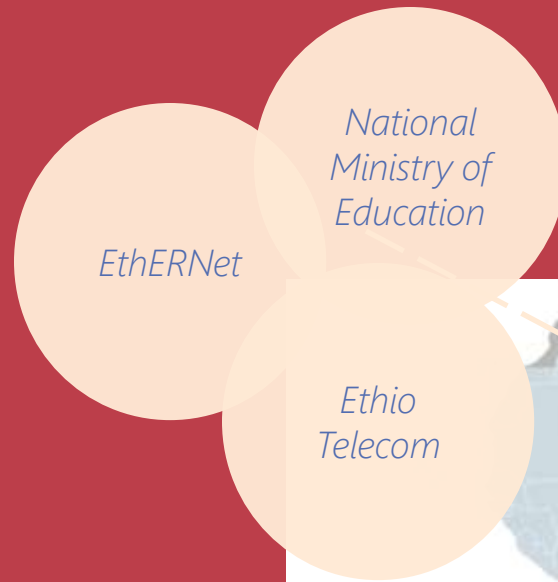
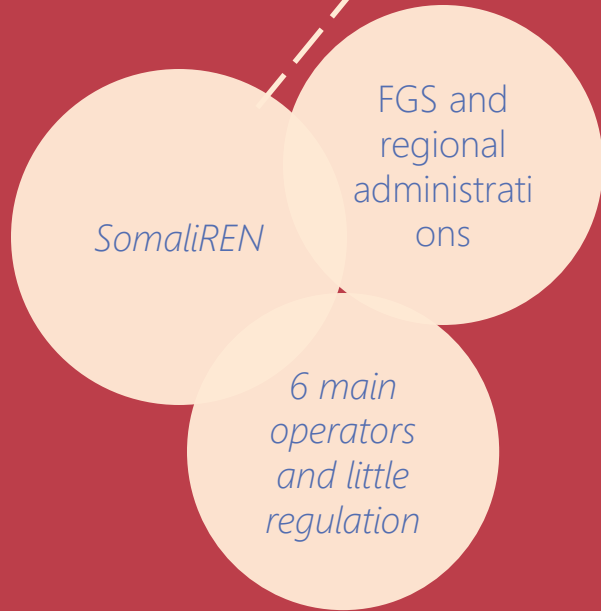
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Overview

# Comparative Experiences






*Streamlining ICT Capacity  
Building Strategy*

*Facilitating Local Content  
Development*

*Spanning urban-rural  
divide*

*("Supplementing" under-  
resourced universities)*



Established in 2001 and currently connecting 36 member institutions

Government-run and funded under the supervision and guidance of the Ministry of Education

Two-body system of governance

Ethiopia's Experience

## REN and local content development

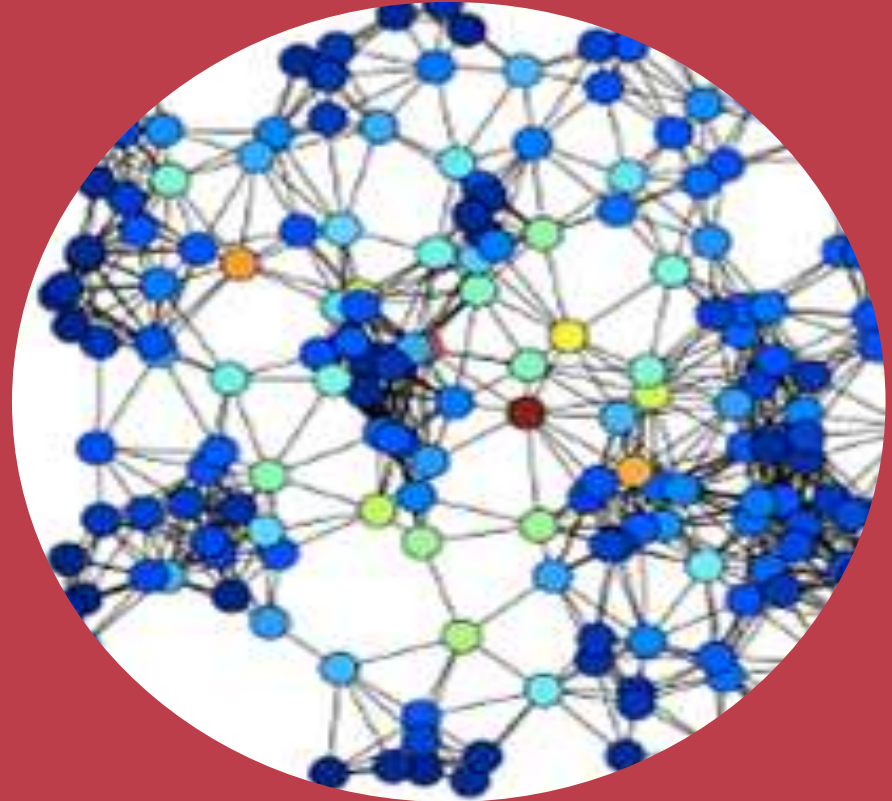
- Meeting national needs
- Building on external partnerships
- Inter-institution support



Ethiopia

## REN & Bridging the Urban-Rural divide

- Technological Resource sharing
- Research exchange
- Distance Learning Partnerships



Ethiopia

## REN and Inter-University Learning

- Partnerships with International universities
- Inter-university classes
  - Tele-research



Ethiopia

Founded in 2009, SomaliREN and has expanded from 9 to 14 member universities

Game changer--EASsy submarine cable in Mogadishu , Q1 2014, connectivity still pending

Private, non-government organization

Somalia's Context



## The NREN & Streamlining an ICT strategy

- Links between member institutions
- Support on standardized assessments



Somalia

## The NREN—A Physical and Social Network

- Resource sharing
- Virtual learning and instruction opportunities



Somalia

## The NREN—Training of Trainers and institutional capacity

- Building institutional capacity along with human resource capacity



Somalia



*ToT Development*

*Standardized Strategies*

*Research and  
Technology Sharing*

*Service delivery and  
Intra-institutional  
infrastructure*

Key Takeaways



Next Steps



*Thank you*

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