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PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

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Thank you



Singapore



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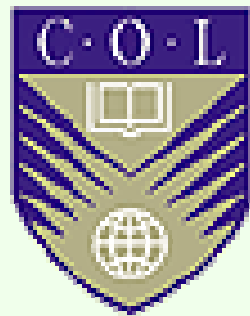


Transnational Qualifications Framework
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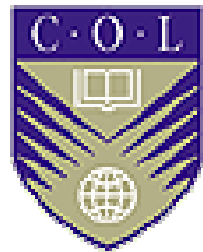
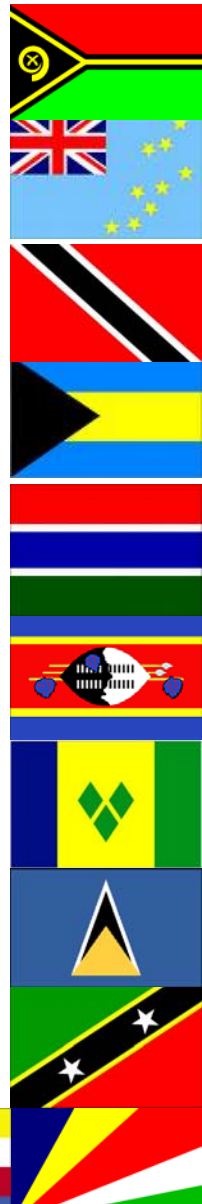
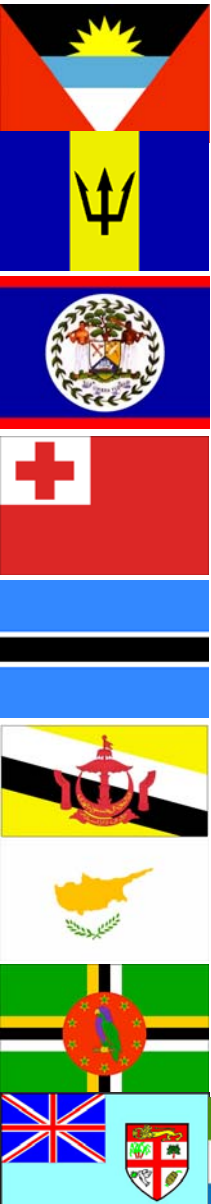
Joining forces to support



the Small States



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Seychelles



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Course development workshops (“Boot camps”)

Tourism & Entrepreneurship



Professional Development of Educators



Life Skills



Disaster Management



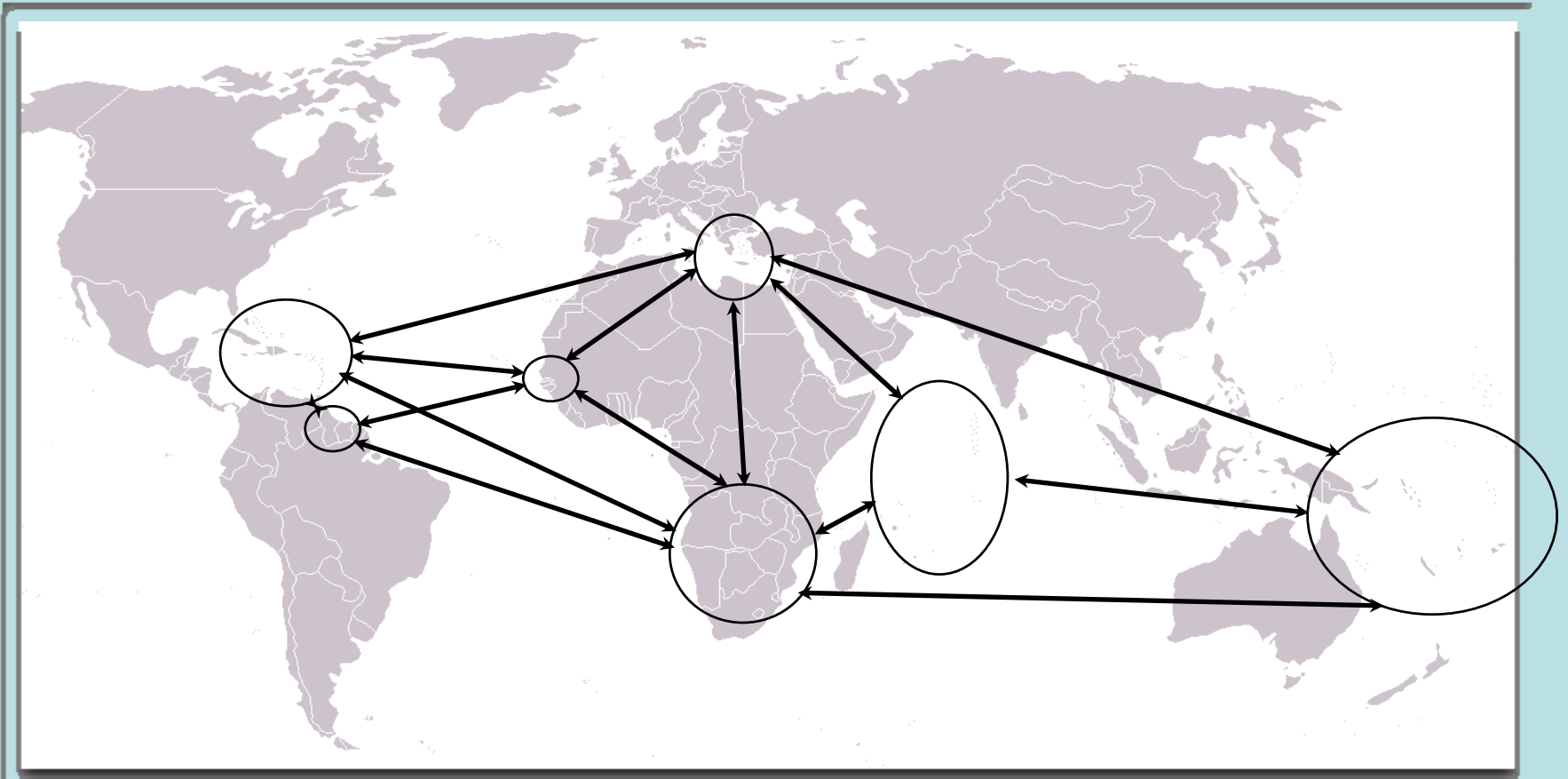
Fisheries



Mauritius VUSSC Boot Camp – August 2006



“negotiated collaborative contents”



. . . a linking structure . . .

to help build human capacity and strengthen
countries

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What do
YOU
want it to
become?



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'The vision that emerged for a virtual university serving small states was one of a consortium of institutions, enabled by appropriate ICT applications, working together in practical ways to plan programmes, develop the required content and ensure the delivery of those programmes and support services to learners.'



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'The virtual university will be as much concerned with adding value to conventional on-campus instruction as it is with serving learners at a distance.'

'Providing accreditation systems to develop quality standards and ensure that they are met'.



How are we doing?

Plan: \$20 million (5 years)

Fact: \$ 2 million (5 years)



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Thank you to...

- The Hewlett Foundation
- The Commonwealth Fund
for Technical Cooperation
- The Government of Singapore
- Participating governments



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“SHOE STRING”

“BOOT STRAP”



Key players

INTERLOCUTORS
(government)

IMPLEMENTERS
(institutions)



Participation in VUSSC events

3 Planning Meetings, 1 TQF meeting

Total attendance: **132**
(of which 59% from Government)

5 Course Development Workshops
(Boot Camps)

Total attendance: **87**
(of which 71% from Institutions)



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Overall Participation in Meetings

Trinidad & Tobago	21*
Samoa	16*
Namibia	12
Seychelles	12*
Jamaica	11
Maldives	11
Mauritius	11*
Barbados	10
Botswana	10
Lesotho	10
Swaziland	10
Tuvalu	10
Belize	8
St. Kitts & Nevis	8
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	8
Vanuatu	8

* Hosted Course Development Workshop

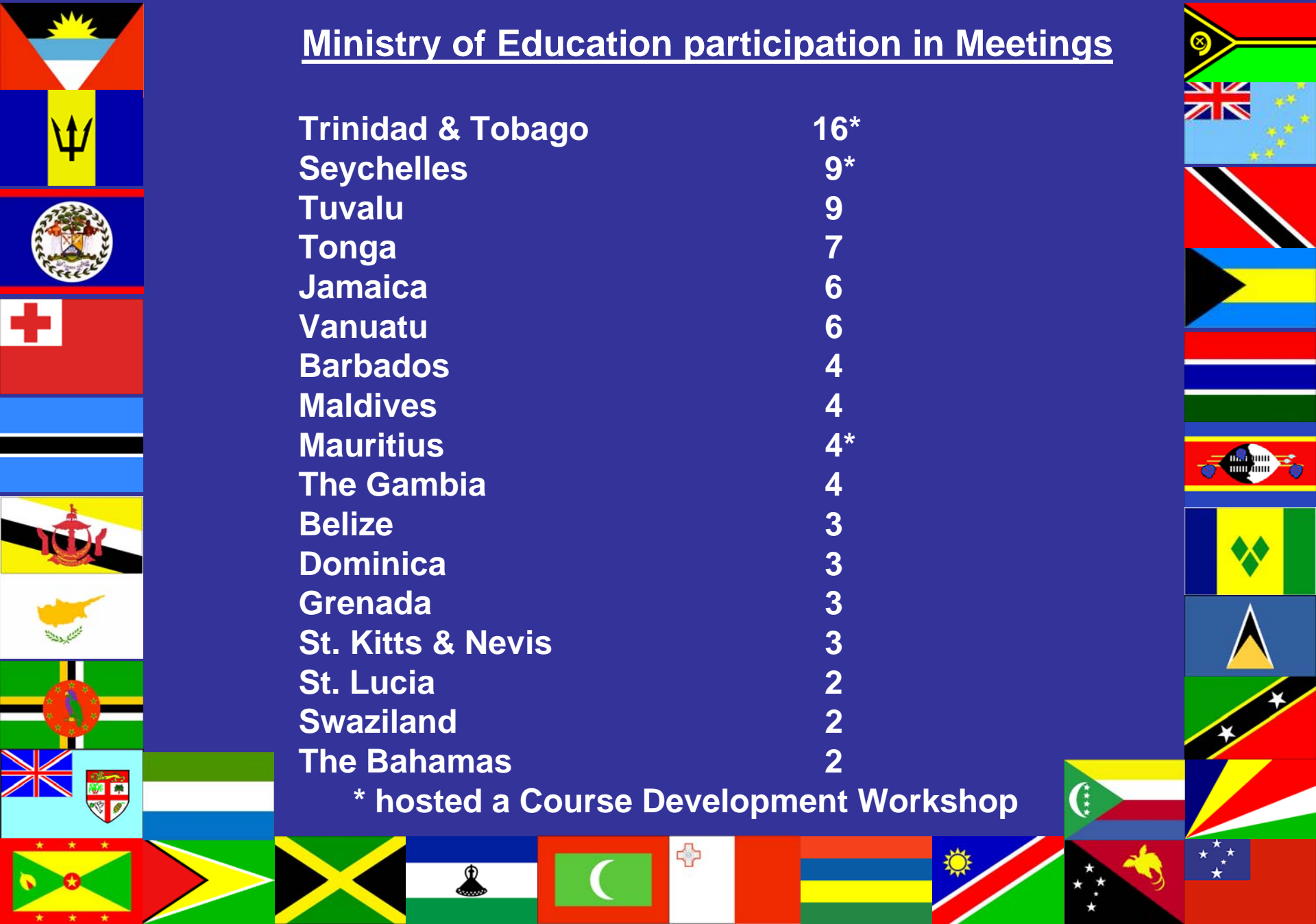


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Ministry of Education participation in Meetings

Trinidad & Tobago	16*
Seychelles	9*
Tuvalu	9
Tonga	7
Jamaica	6
Vanuatu	6
Barbados	4
Maldives	4
Mauritius	4*
The Gambia	4
Belize	3
Dominica	3
Grenada	3
St. Kitts & Nevis	3
St. Lucia	2
Swaziland	2
The Bahamas	2

* hosted a Course Development Workshop



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Countries ranked by institutional participation

1= Botswana	(9)
1= Lesotho	(9)
1= Samoa	(9)
4= Namibia	(8)
4= Swaziland	(8)
6= Maldives	(7)
6= Mauritius	(7)
6= St. Vincent & The Grenadines	(7)



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Ranking of institutional participation

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| 1 | University of Swaziland | (8) |
| 2= | BOCODOL (Botswana) | (7) |
| 2= | University of Samoa | (7) |
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| 6= | Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College
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| 8= | NOLNET (Namibia) | (4) |
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“...the ability to put electronic learning materials in a repository, but more importantly the know-how to get them out again and into the hands and minds of students”



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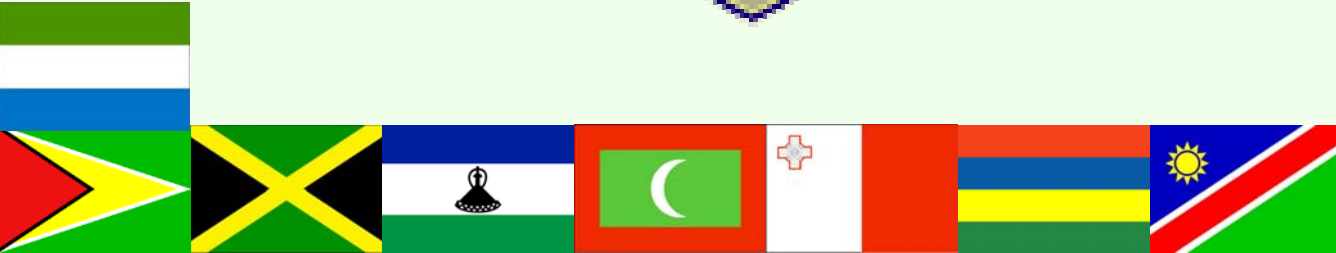
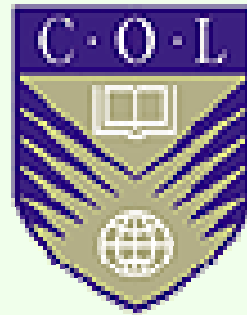
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Will
NOT
become
a
UNIVERSITY



Now it is..

an informal network of
ministries of education
and public tertiary
institutions supported by



Time to move from
an informal network of
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to a

CONSORTIUM OF
INSTITUTIONS

???????

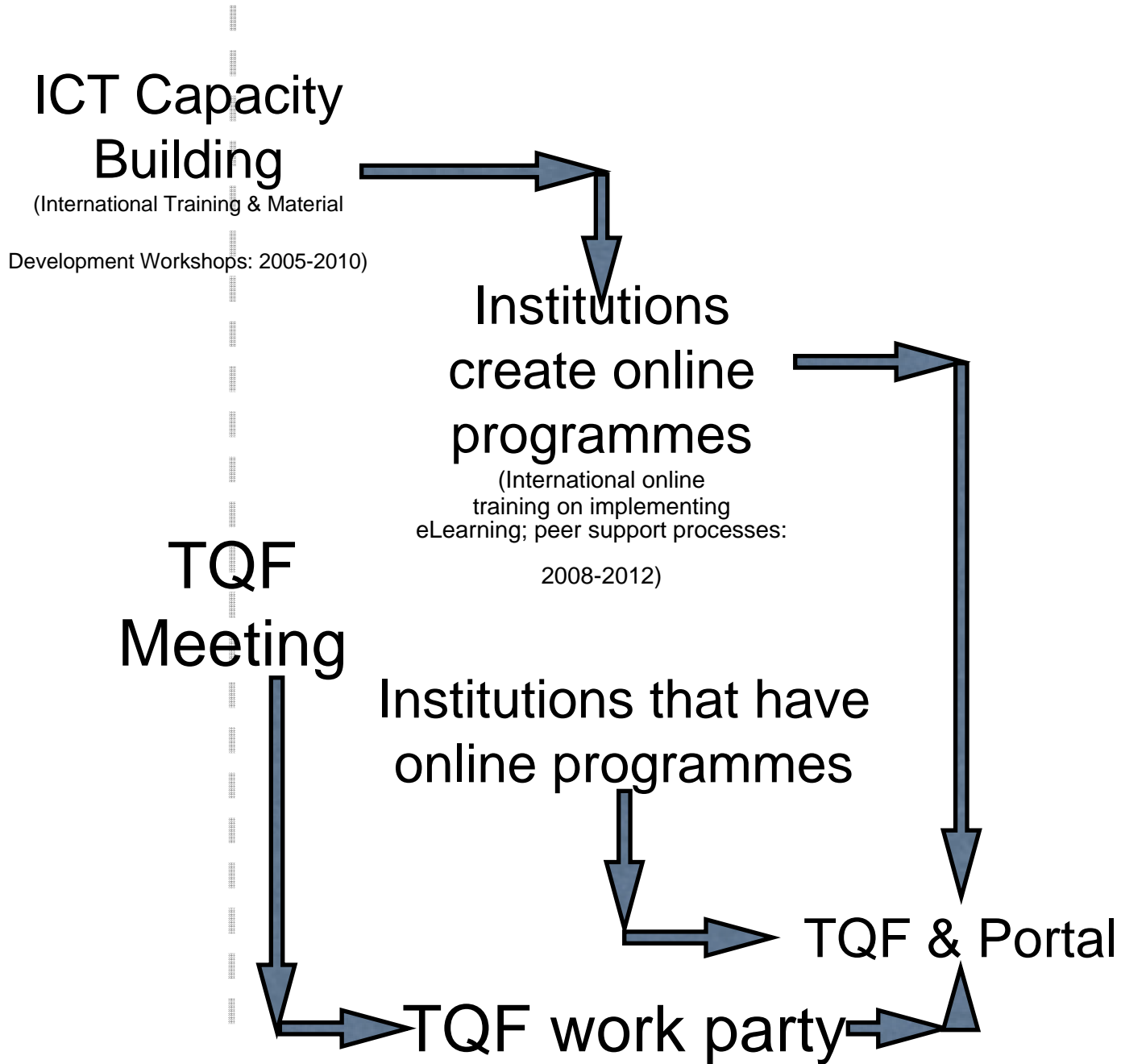


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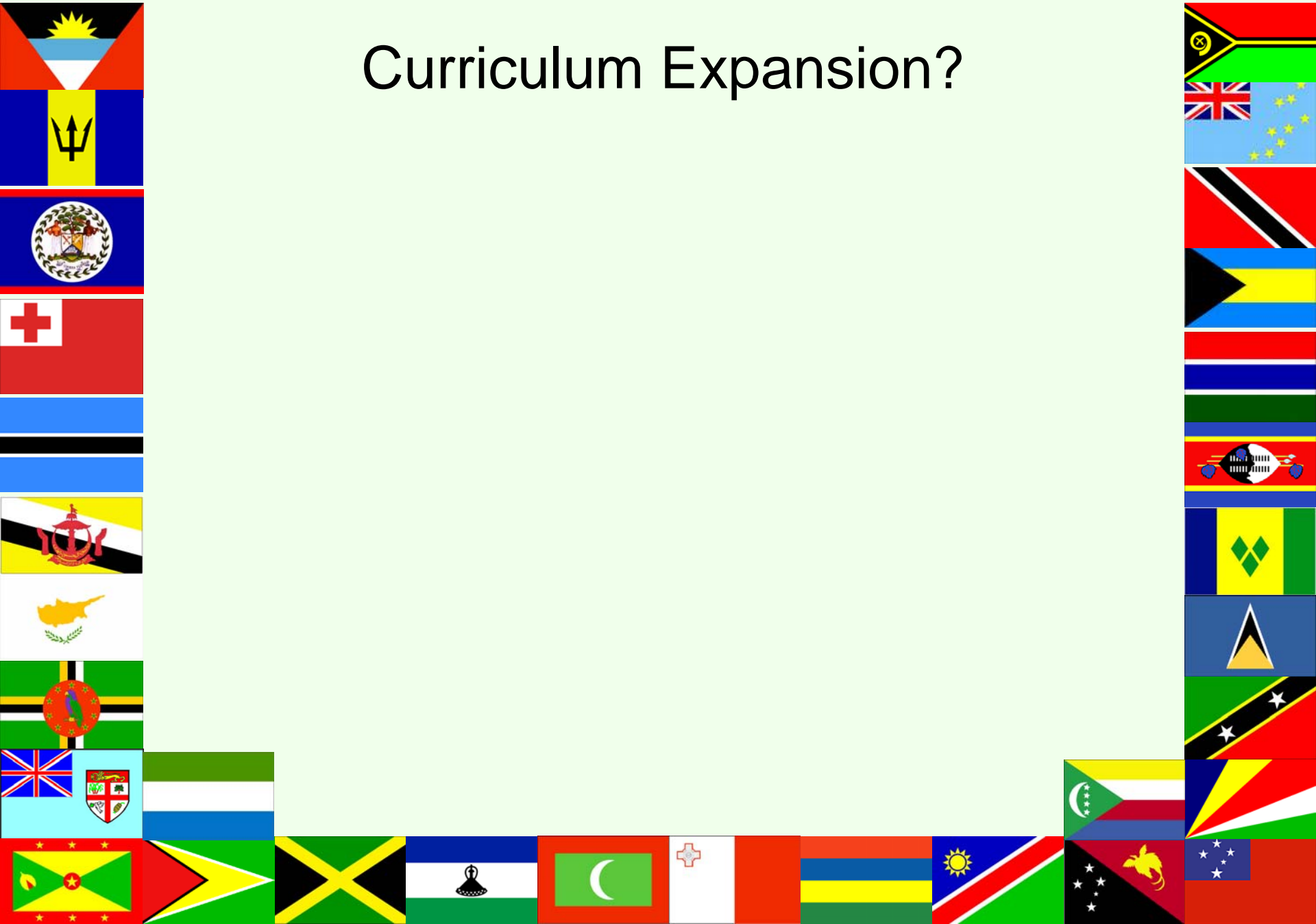
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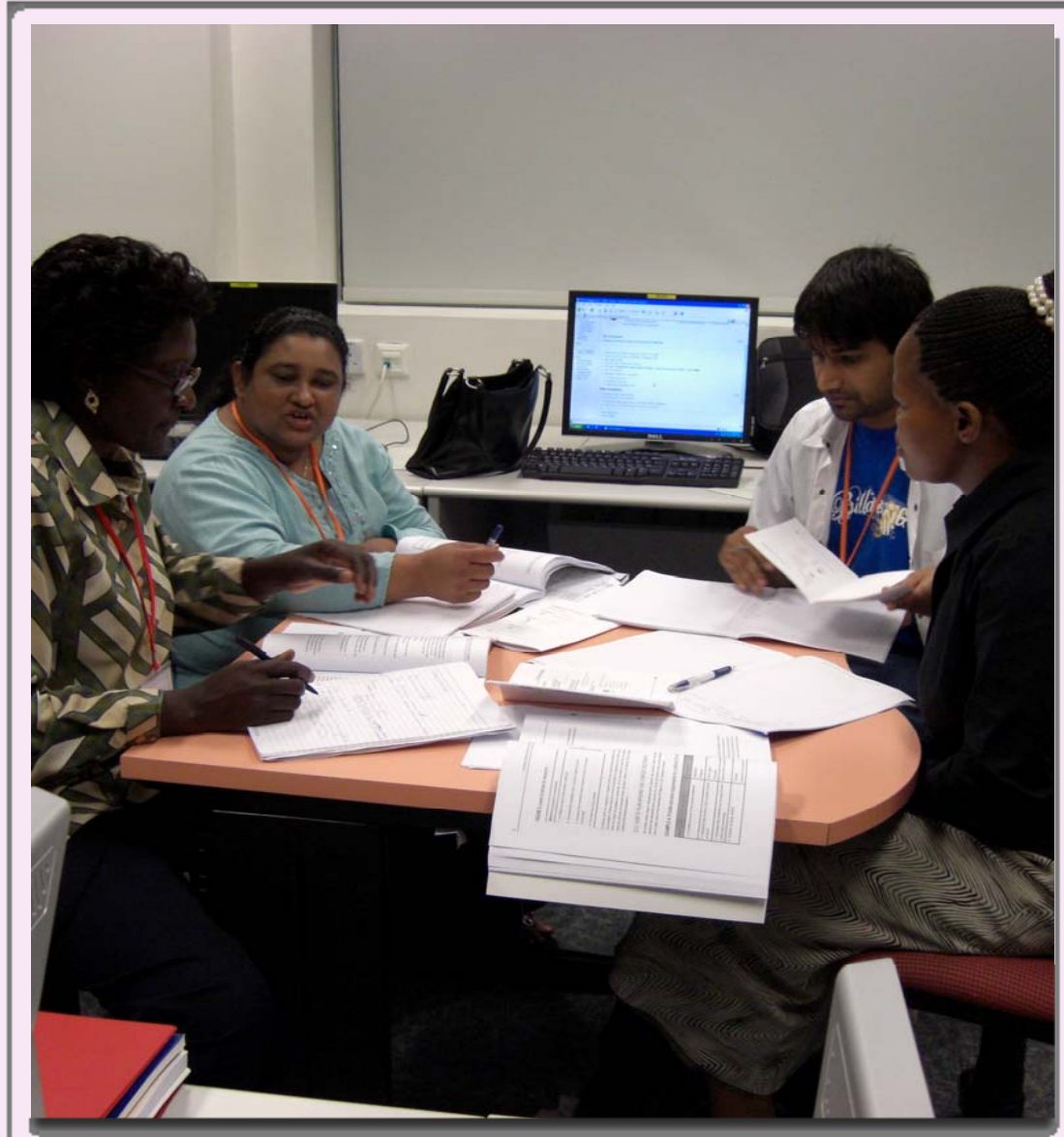
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Curriculum Expansion?



The 3-week face-to-face workshop

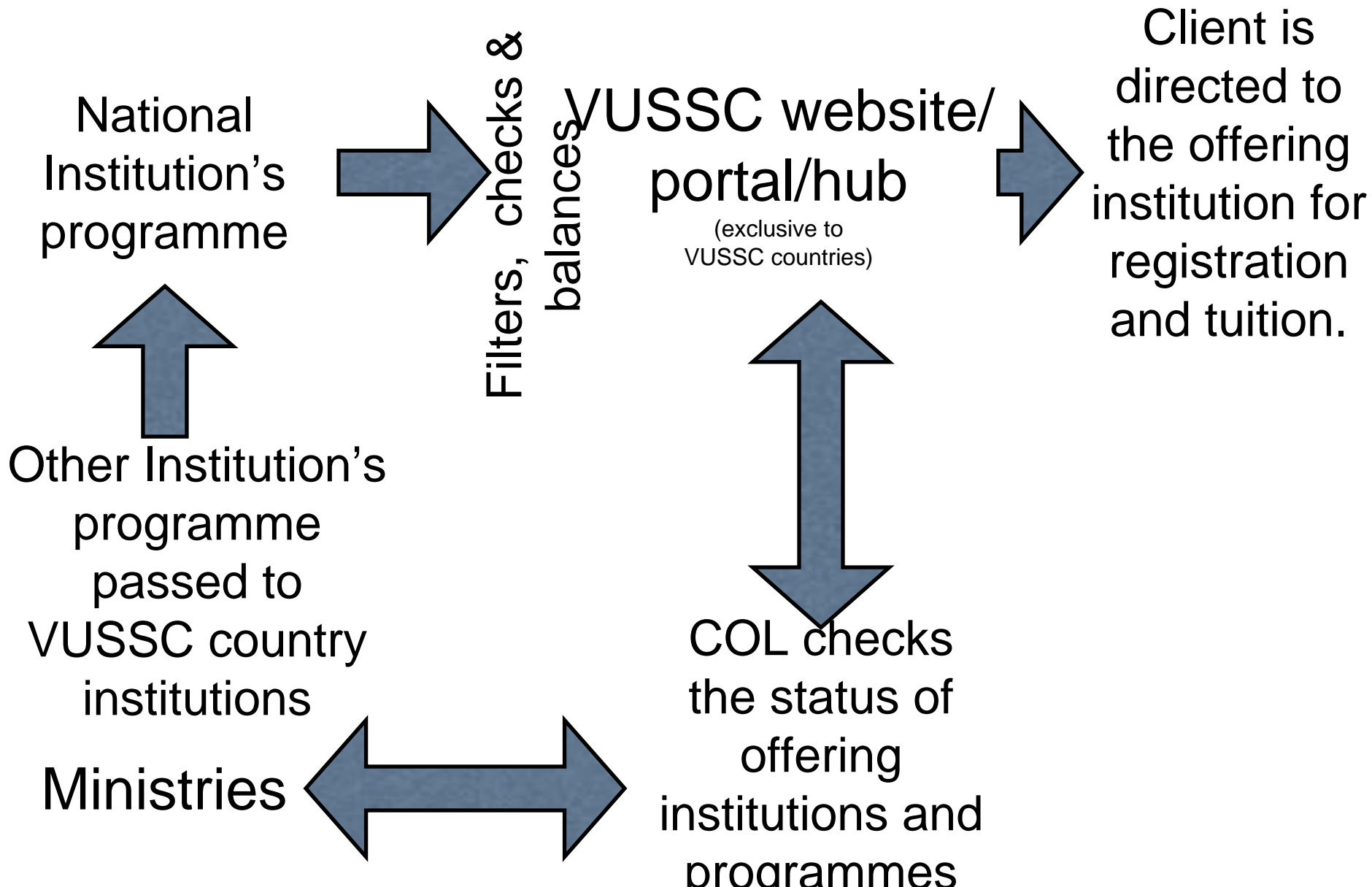
Has served the
VUSSC well...



Curriculum Expansion

- without 'boot camps'





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