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Transnational Qualifications Framework

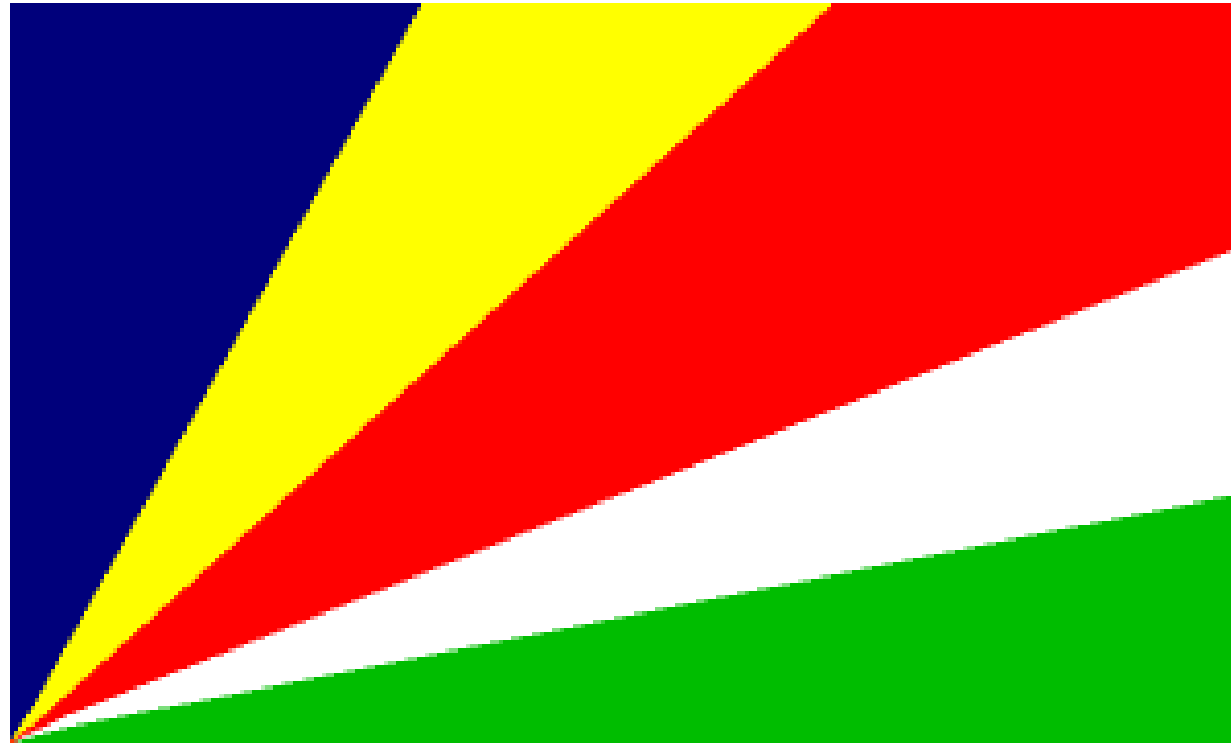


Singapore

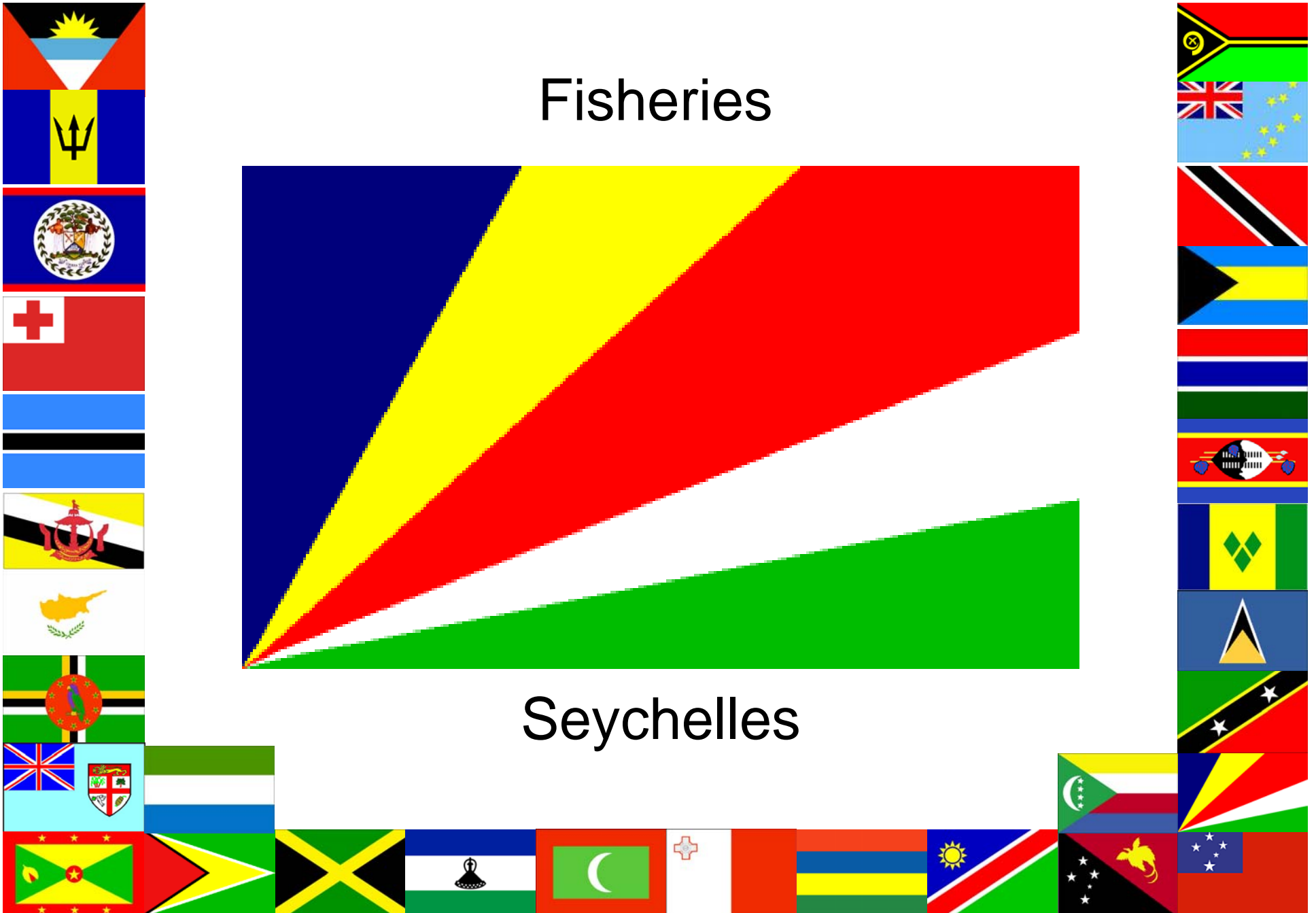


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Fisheries

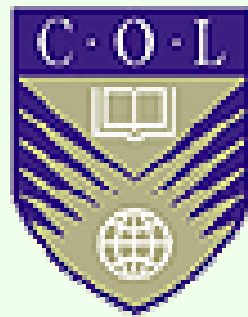


Seychelles



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Joining forces to support



the Small States



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Planning Meetings



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Framework



TQF

“Boot camps”



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Course development workshops (“Boot camps”)

Tourism & Entrepreneurship



Professional Development of Educators



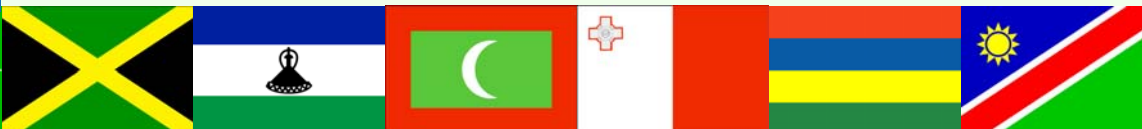
Life Skills



Disaster Management



Fisheries



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Course development workshops (“Boot camps”)

Results:

- eLearning materials
- IT skills
- Cross-cultural ties



Mauritius VUSSC Boot Camp – August 2006

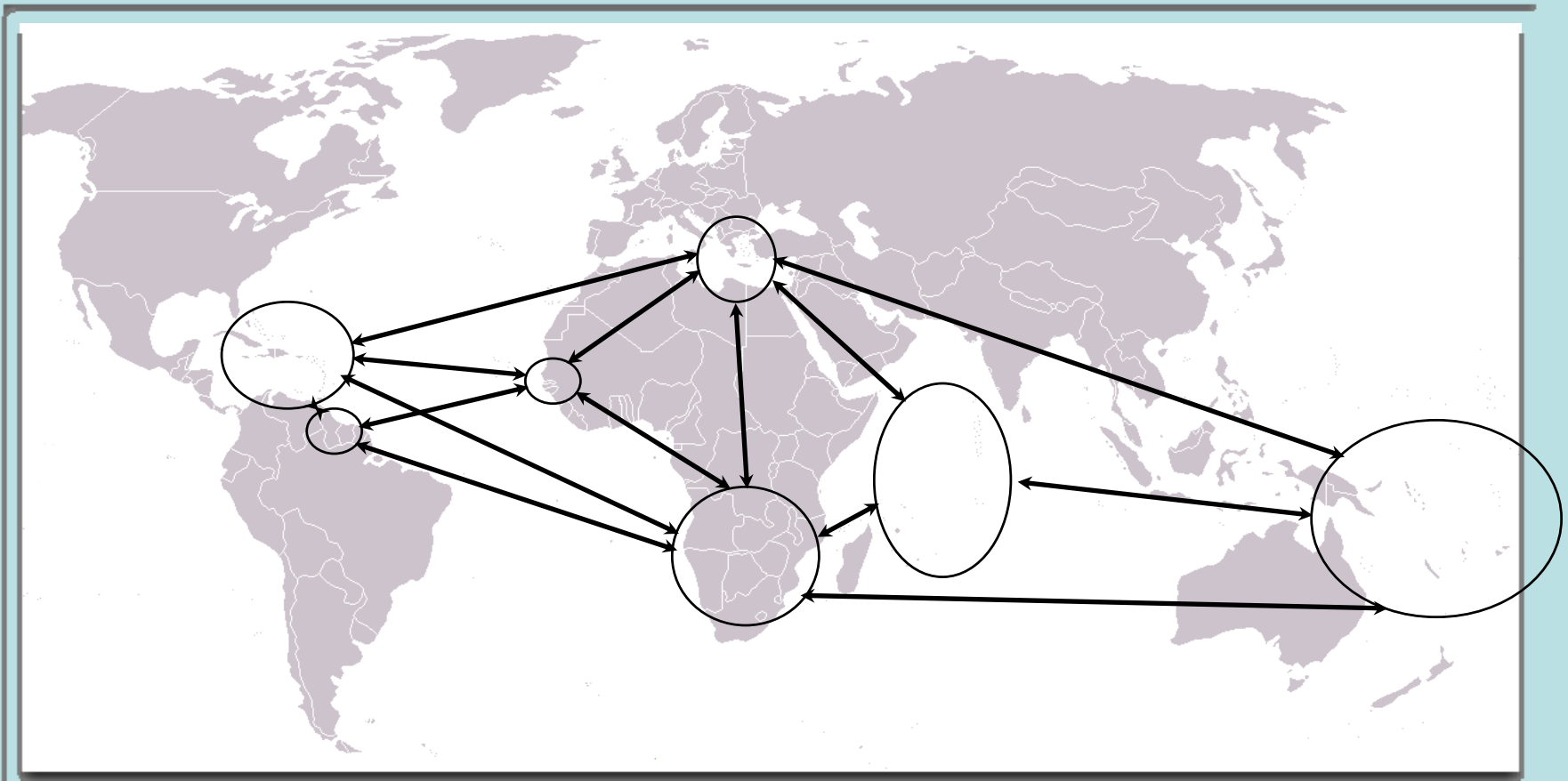


“negotiated collaborative contents”

Seychelles VUSSC Boot Camp – March 2006



“negotiated collaborative contents”



. . . a linking structure . . .

to help build human capacity and strengthen
countries

What do
YOU
want it to
become?

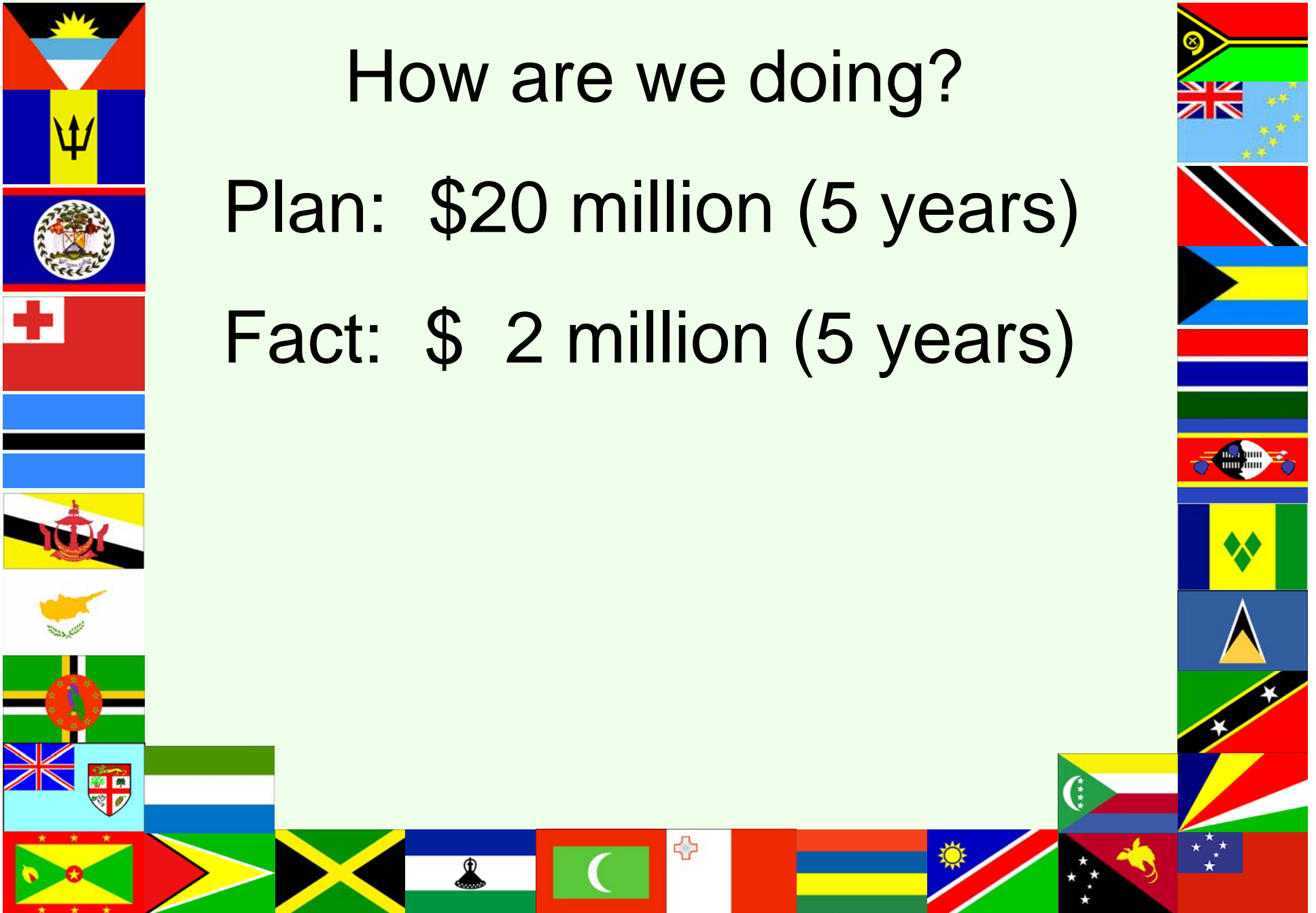


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How are we doing?

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”



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Key players

INTERLOCUTORS (government)



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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) |
| 2= | St. Vincent & The Grenadines CC | (7) |
| 5 | University of Lesotho | (6) |
| 6= | Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College
St. Kitts & Nevis | (5) |
| 6= | University of Belize | (5) |
| 8= | NOLNET (Namibia) | (4) |
| 8= | University of Papua New Guinea | (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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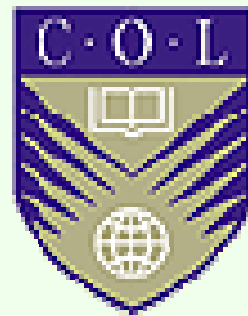
Will
NOT
become
a
UNIVERSITY



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Now it is..

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



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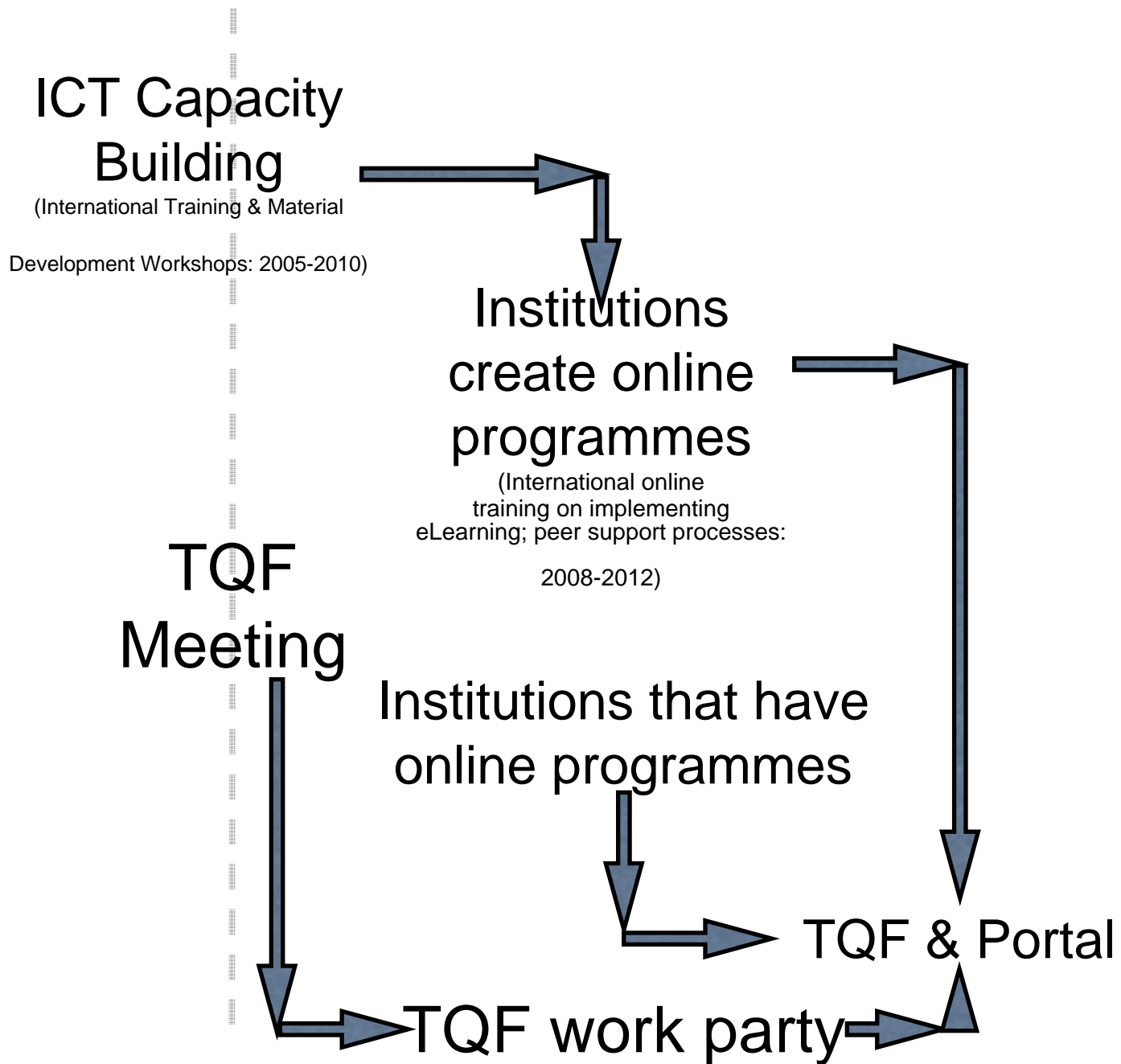
Time to move from
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ministries of education

to a

CONSORTIUM OF
INSTITUTIONS

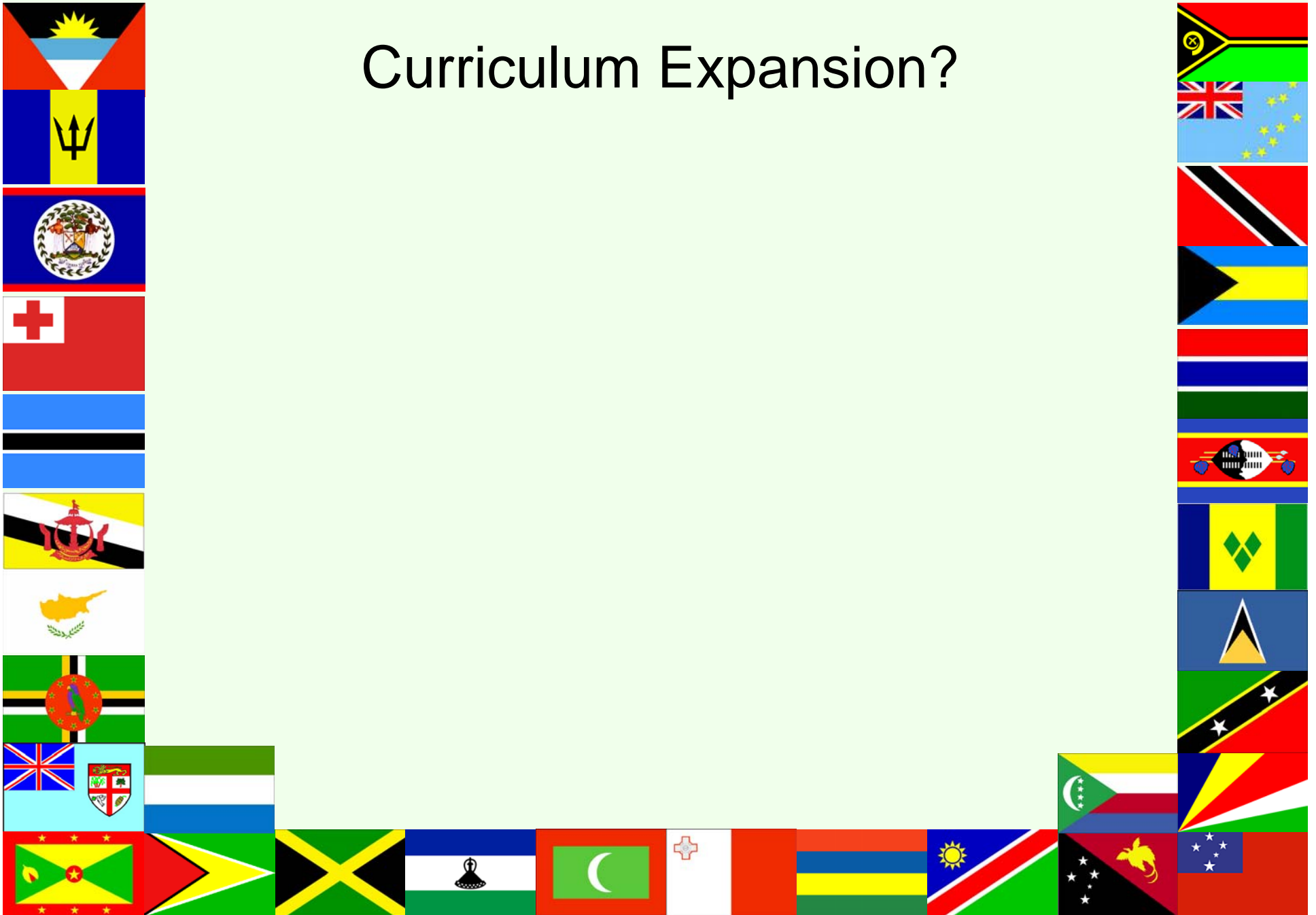
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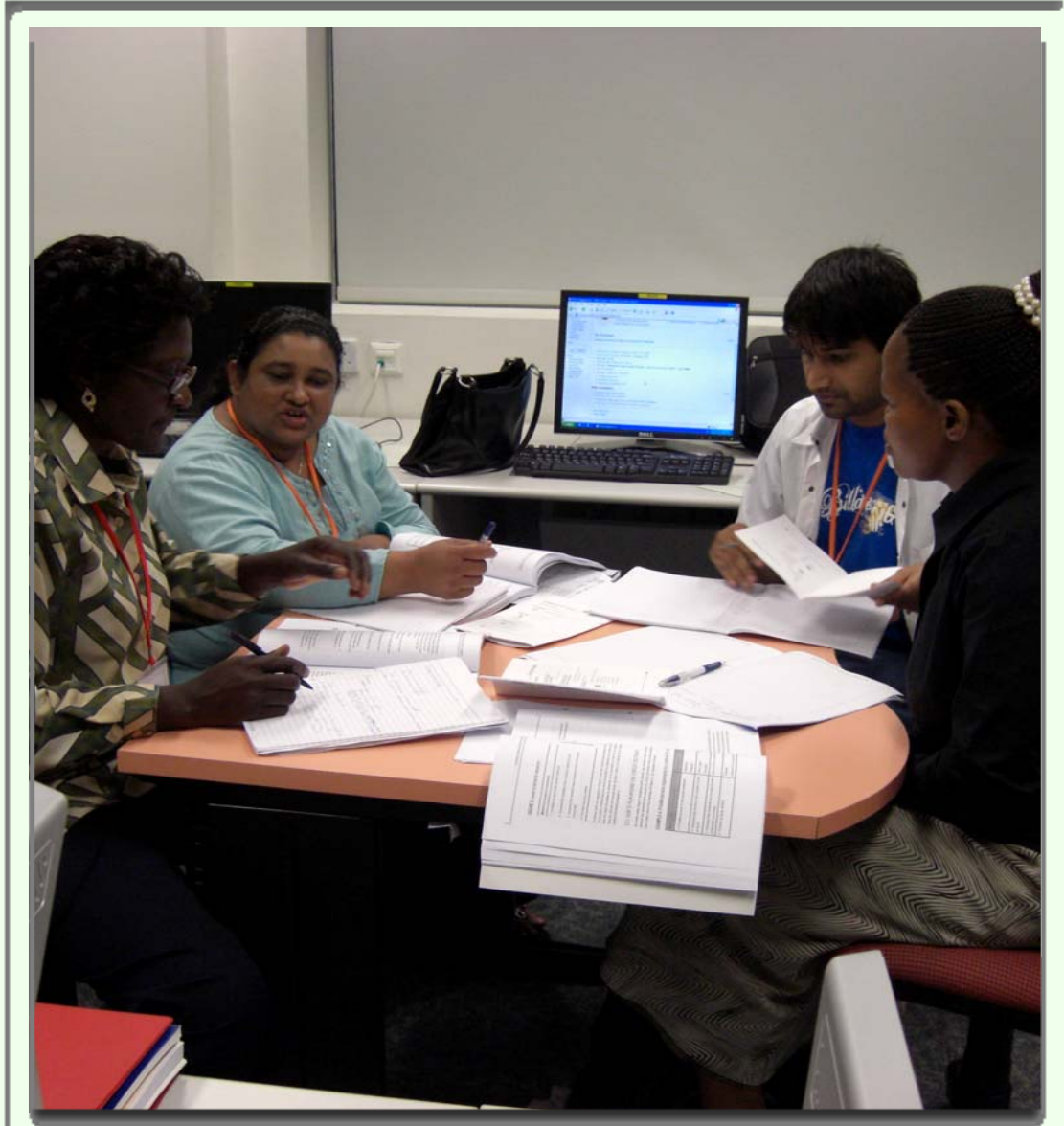
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Curriculum Expansion?



The 3-week face-to-face workshop

has served the
VUSSC well..

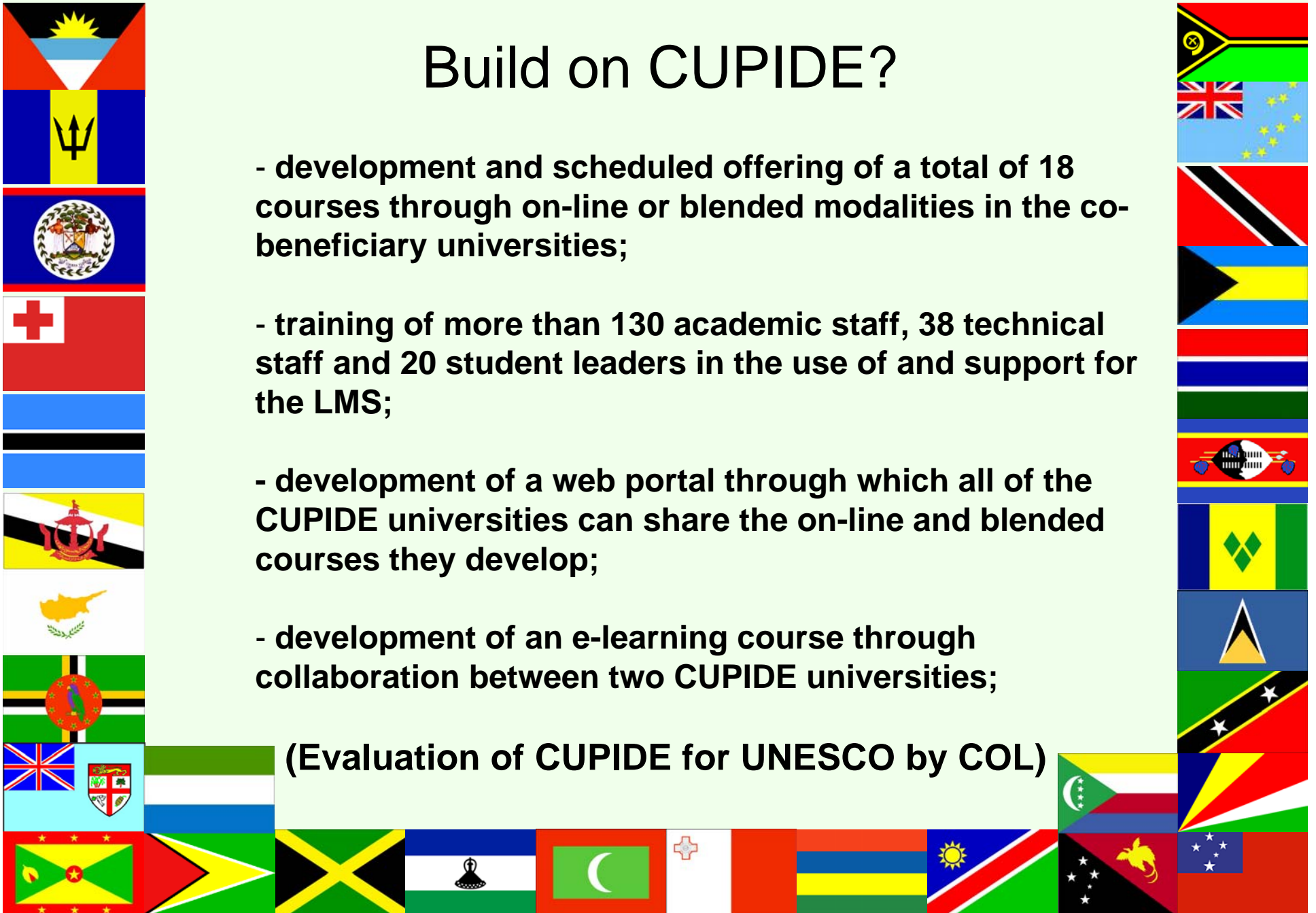


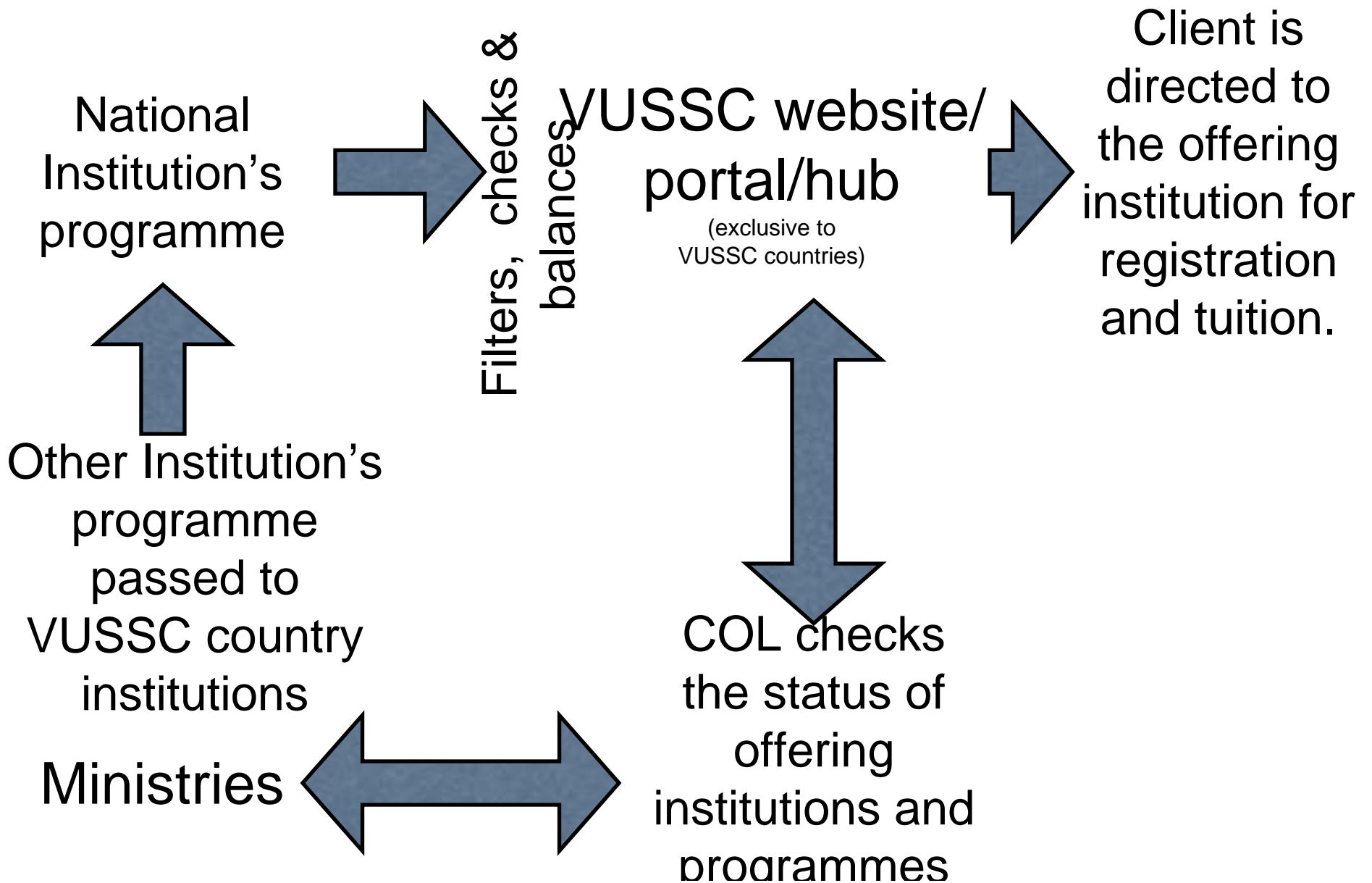
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Build on CUPIDE?

- development and scheduled offering of a total of 18 courses through on-line or blended modalities in the co-beneficiary universities;
- training of more than 130 academic staff, 38 technical staff and 20 student leaders in the use of and support for the LMS;
- development of a web portal through which all of the CUPIDE universities can share the on-line and blended courses they develop;
- development of an e-learning course through collaboration between two CUPIDE universities;

(Evaluation of CUPIDE for UNESCO by COL)





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pooling
experience
of
Course Delivery



YOU
will determine
what the
VUSSC
becomes



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Paul West



John Daniel

Thank you





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