

Beyond Connectivity: Unlocking Africa's potential through the spirit of Ubuntu.

Fostering Creative and Innovative Research and Education Communities



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INTRODUCTION

- **Beyond internet Connectivity**
- **The Spirit of Ubuntu**
- **Why this presentation?**

...COMMUNITY

Roadmap

01

The digital
transformation
Journey

02

The evolving
landscape of
research and
education

03

Going beyond
connectivity

04

Why
connectivity
succeeded

05

Why community holds
the key to success
beyond connectivity

06

How community can be
utilized to achieve
success beyond
connectivity

07

Sustaining
progress

The Digital Transformation Journey

01

Africa Connect

02

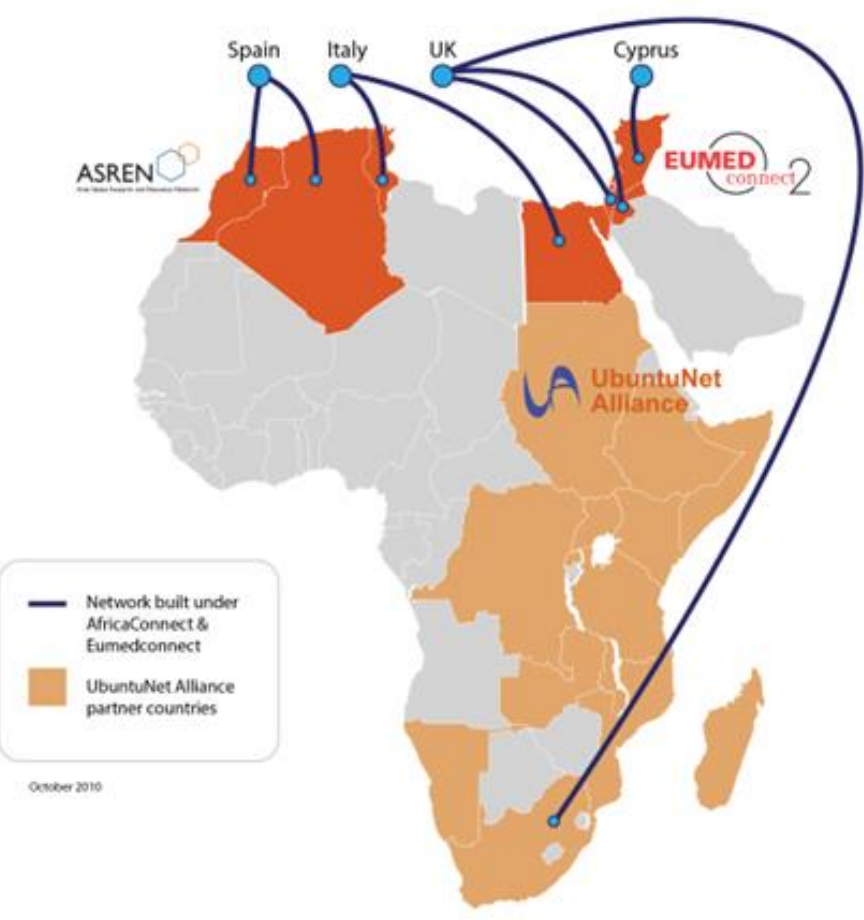
Internet Connectivity as
the Foundation

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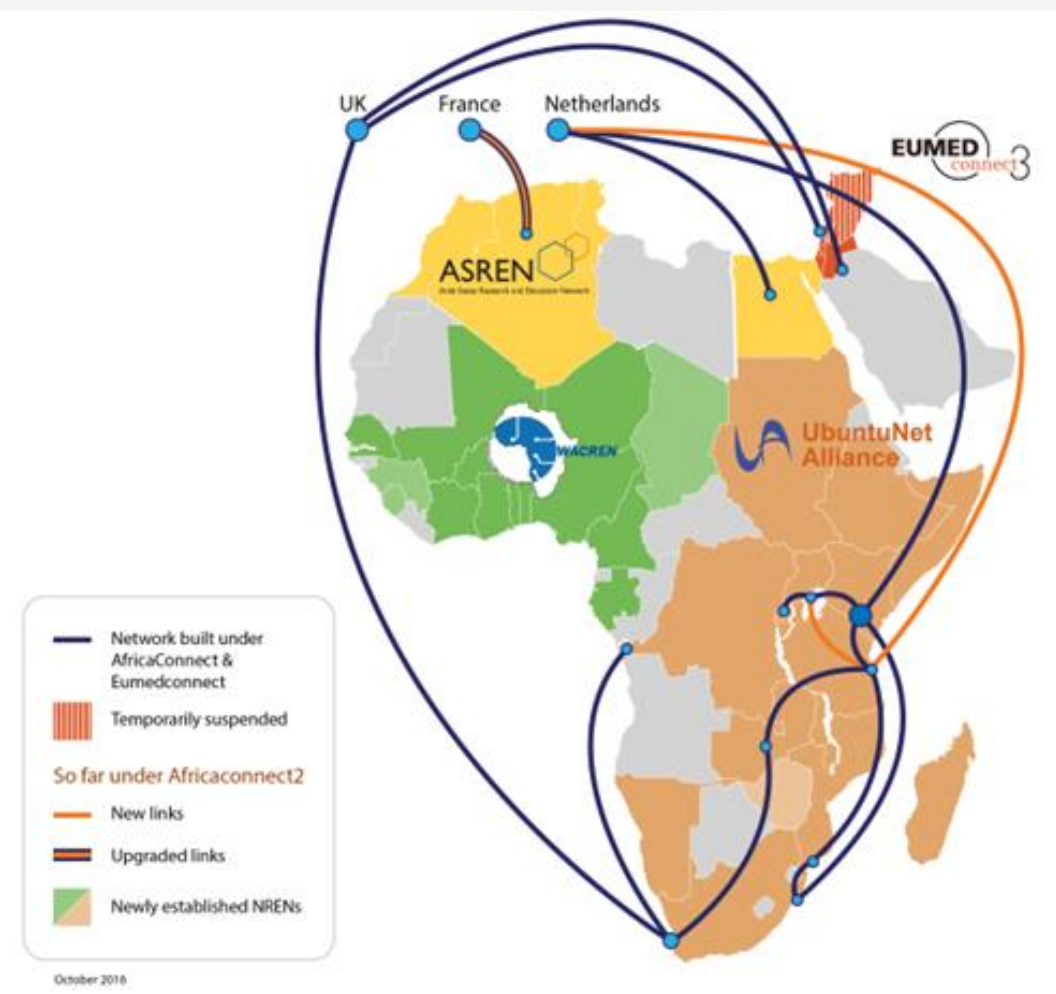
Gradual progress

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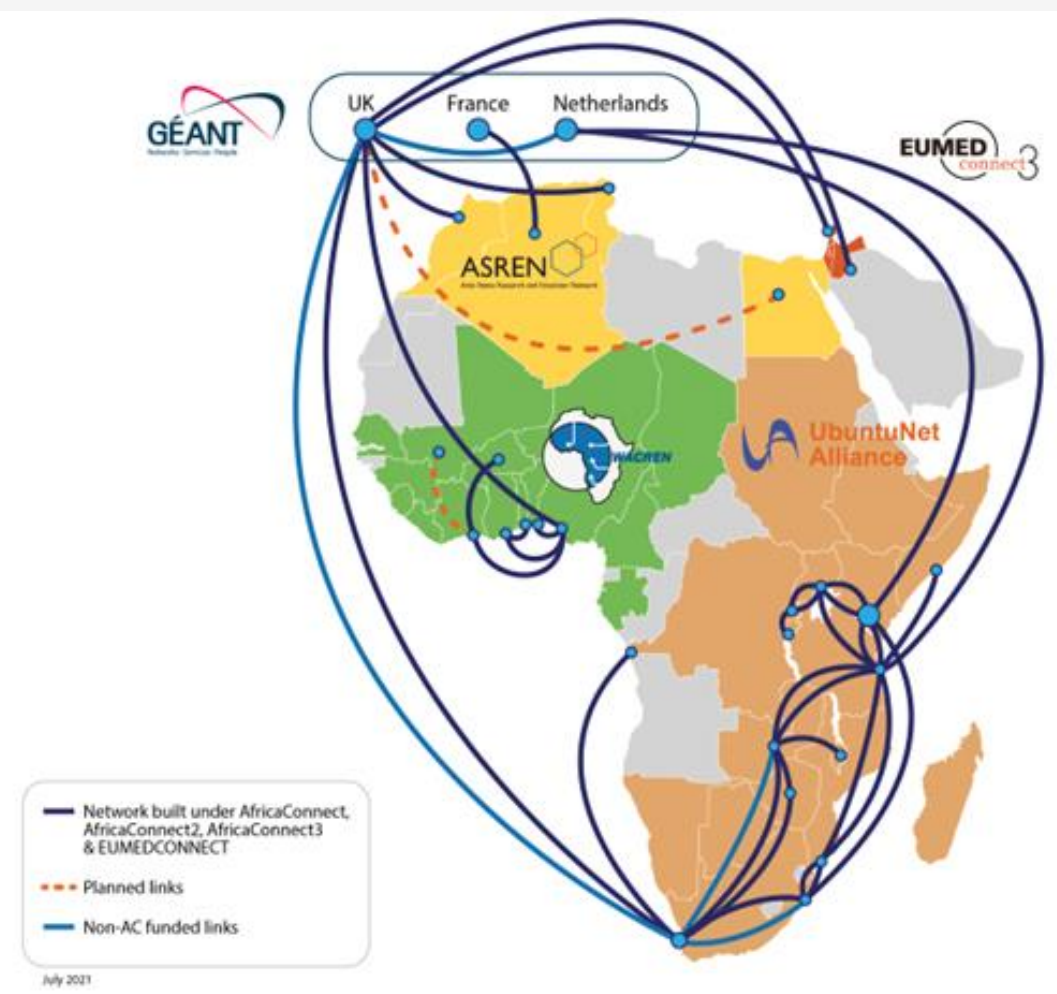
Nonstop digital transformation
Globaly



October 2010



October 2016



July 2021



GOING BEYOND CONNECTIVITY

- Open educational resources
- Remote learning
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- Artificial intelligence

Our Efforts Beyond Connectivity

- Digital Object identifiers
- SSL certificates
- Trust and identity services
- Open and distance and learning
- Cloud hosting
- Capacity building

Question:

Despite our efforts, how come we have failed to emulate the success of internet connectivity with value added services?

COMMON NEED AND UNDERSTANDING



Affordable high
speed internet
connectivity



We need more
of it

FROM NEED TO COMMUNITY

- International collaboration
- A unified funding front
- Collective advocacy
- Information sharing



Need



Community



**VALUE ADDED
SERVICES**



Question:
**In what ways can we unlock community
for value added services?**

Adequate Data collection and Sharing

- Need assessment
- Data sharing platforms





NREN exchange programmes

- Structured programmes
- Cross institutional research



Promotion of Open Access

- Open Access Policies
- Open Access Repositories





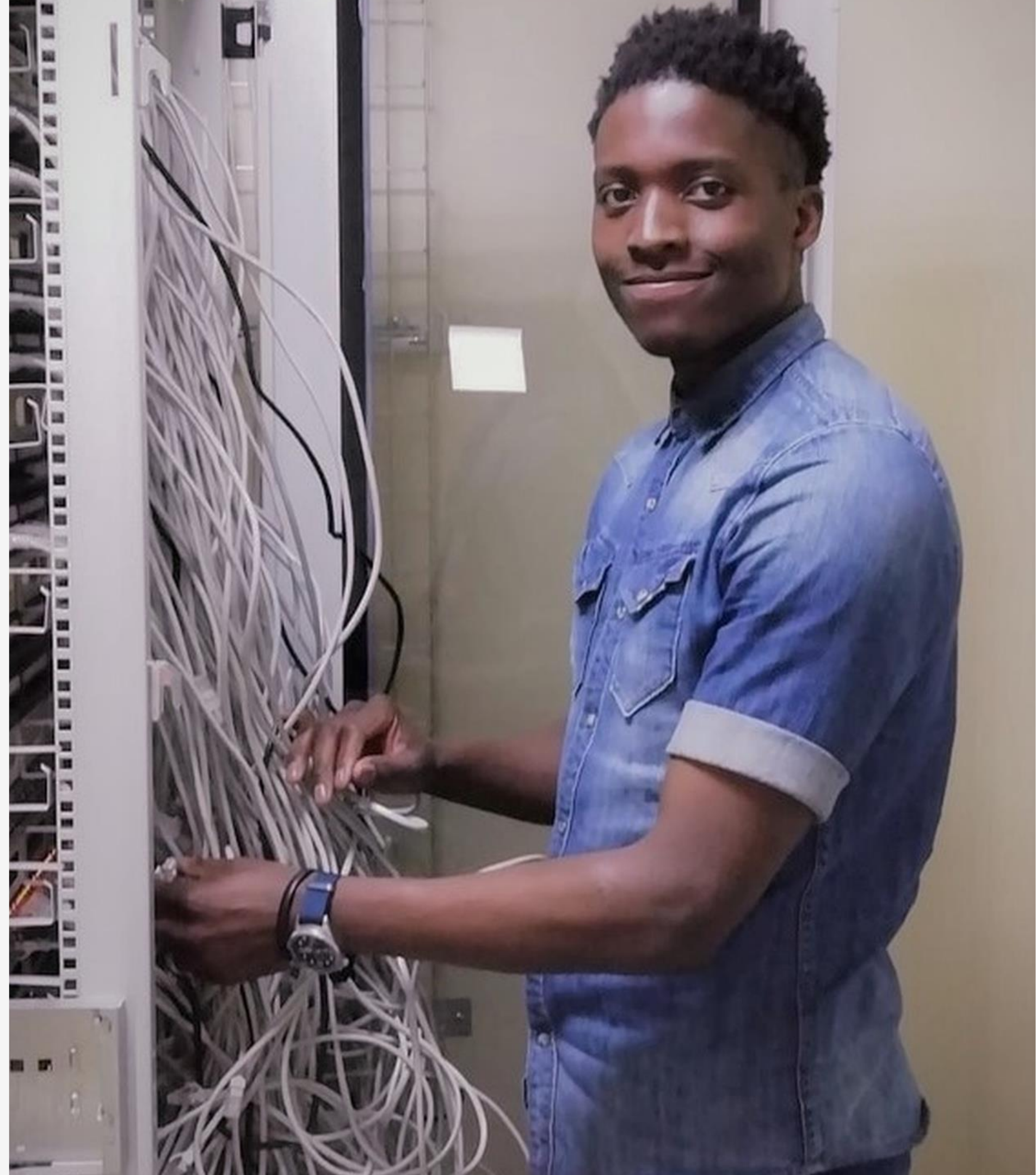
Community Engagement and Outreach

- Community working groups
- Community meetings
- Engagement beyond academia



Use cases

- Impact stories
- Publications



Sustaining Progress

**UN
SDGs**

**Africa
Agenda
2063**

**Community
engagement
platforms**



THANK YOU
LET'S CONNECT

