



Library Support for embedding NREN services and e-Infrastructure (LIBSENSE)

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GOAL

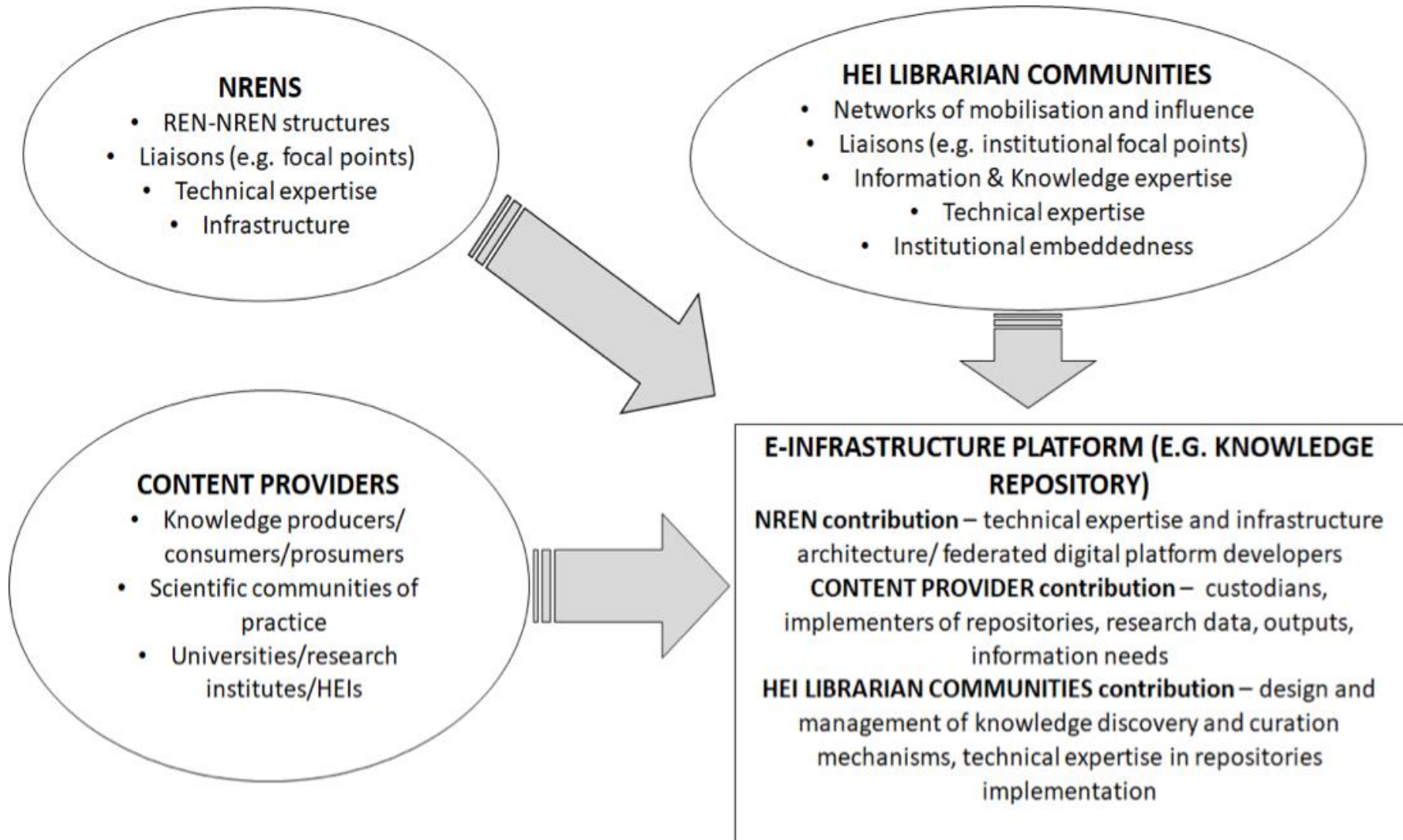
- Define a collaborative agenda for libraries and NRENs
- Achieve improved information management capacity
- Federation of open access repositories across the African regions.
- Build a community of practice for open access and open science



National
Library
Consortia



Sustainable creation and curation of OARs



Broad Objectives

- Identify key institutional enablers and hindrances in current support for the evolving role of HE librarians
- Identify key areas for collaboration for stronger institutional roles in NREN advocacy and information management
- Produce framework of key policy actions to address identified issues
- Propose practical capacity-building projects to support the proposed policy changes

A Central Role For Librarians



- Focal points on campus in librarian community of practice and information sharing network for Open Science
- Adopting common standards and practices to make wealth of information through repositories accessible.
- Leveraging NREN Identity Federations and authentication infrastructure to simplify content access and subscription.
- Aggregating open access metadata for improved tracking and discovery of content, and raised visibility of research(er).



Issue-identifying survey as a first step

- Collaboration with Information School, University of Sheffield, UK
- Understand the evolving role of the librarian in contemporary higher education settings.
- Understand HEI support for new roles of librarians, especially regarding management of digital resources
- Elicit the NREN service requirements that librarians need to support their roles
- Gather demographic info for categorization of librarian communities of practice for better understanding of the evolving field.

Activity schedule

- LIBSENSE survey in each NREN region
 - Ubuntunet Alliance – Q4 2018
 - WACREN – Q1 2019
 - ASREN – Q2 2019

- Follow on agenda setting workshops
 - Workshop I (Zanzibar, Tanzania) – Nov 19-20, 2018
 - Workshop II (Accra, Ghana) – March 11-12, 2019
 - Workshop III (Alexandria, Egypt) – April 27-29, 2019

LIBSENSE Repository Workshop I

- Better participation in survey from countries with national library consortia
- Some areas of concern in results:
 - Lack of technical expertise and low levels of staffing
 - Uneven organizational commitment to repository services
 - Final survey report out by end of 2018
- Participants from 17 countries resolve to collaborate on:
 - Advocacy, Technical support, Capacity building, Value-added services
- Workshop report at <https://wacren.net/en/news/report-libsense-repository-workshop-i>



THANK YOU

See you in Accra!

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