

# **NODES**

## **A General Presentation**

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# Reasons for Presentation

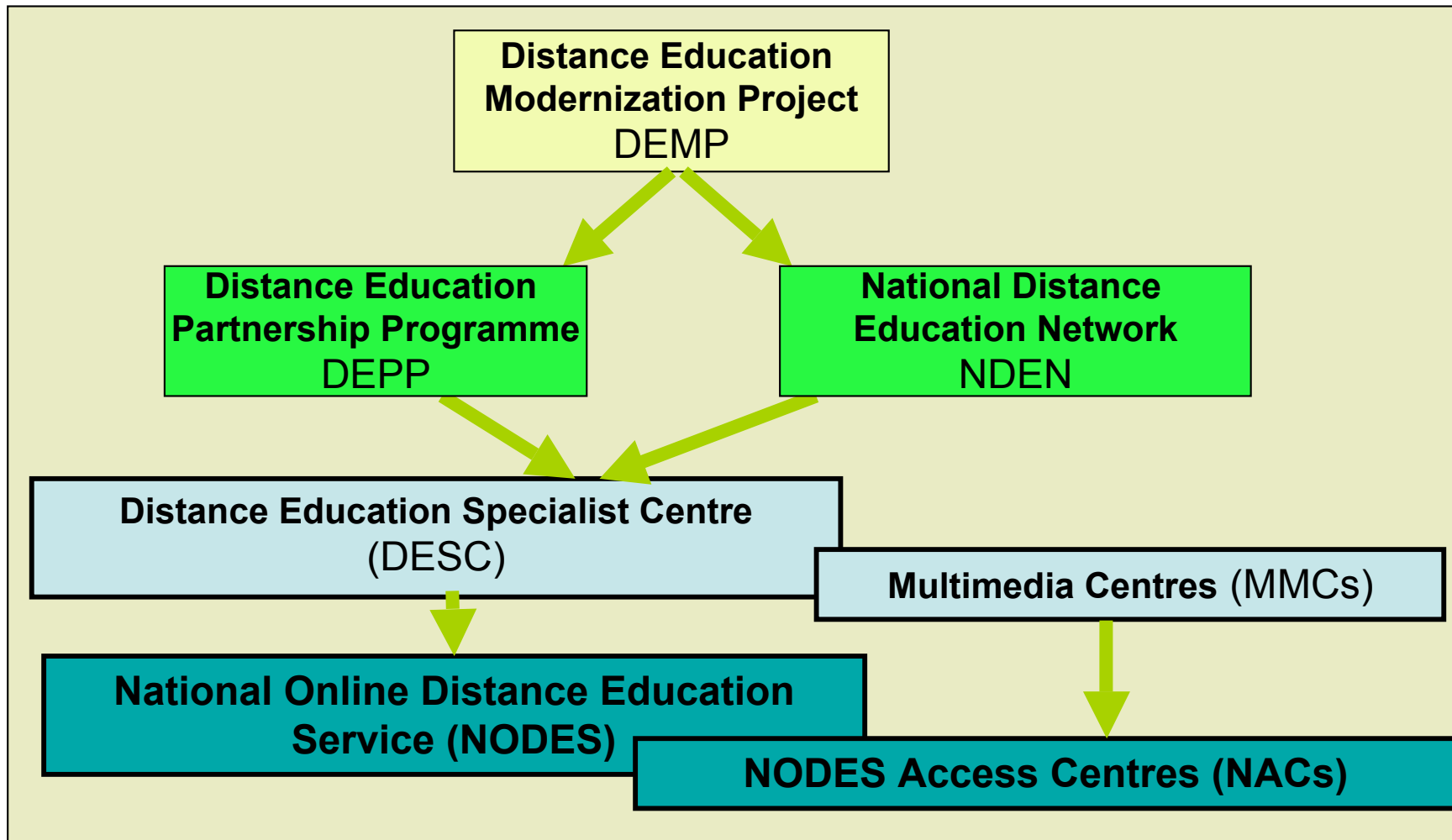
- To provide interested parties with an overview of NODES
  - Explains the various components of NODES
  - This presentation could be used for Marketing purposes
  - This presentation could be shared without a NDA

# What is NODES?

- National Online Distance Education Service
  - Network Operations Centre (NOC)
    - Hosts and delivers online education programmes for Partner Institutions (PIs)
  - Content Development Unit (CDU)
    - Will support PIs to develop online programmes
    - Presently have 07 PIs for September launch
    - 21 more in the pipe line for January 2008 launch
    - 150 PIs are targeted by 2009
  - Nationwide with 150 outlets (NACs)
    - Presently have 10 fully developed NACs
    - Another 20 in 2007 – 50 in 2008
    - 70 in 2009
  - International (sells services, consulting, hosting)

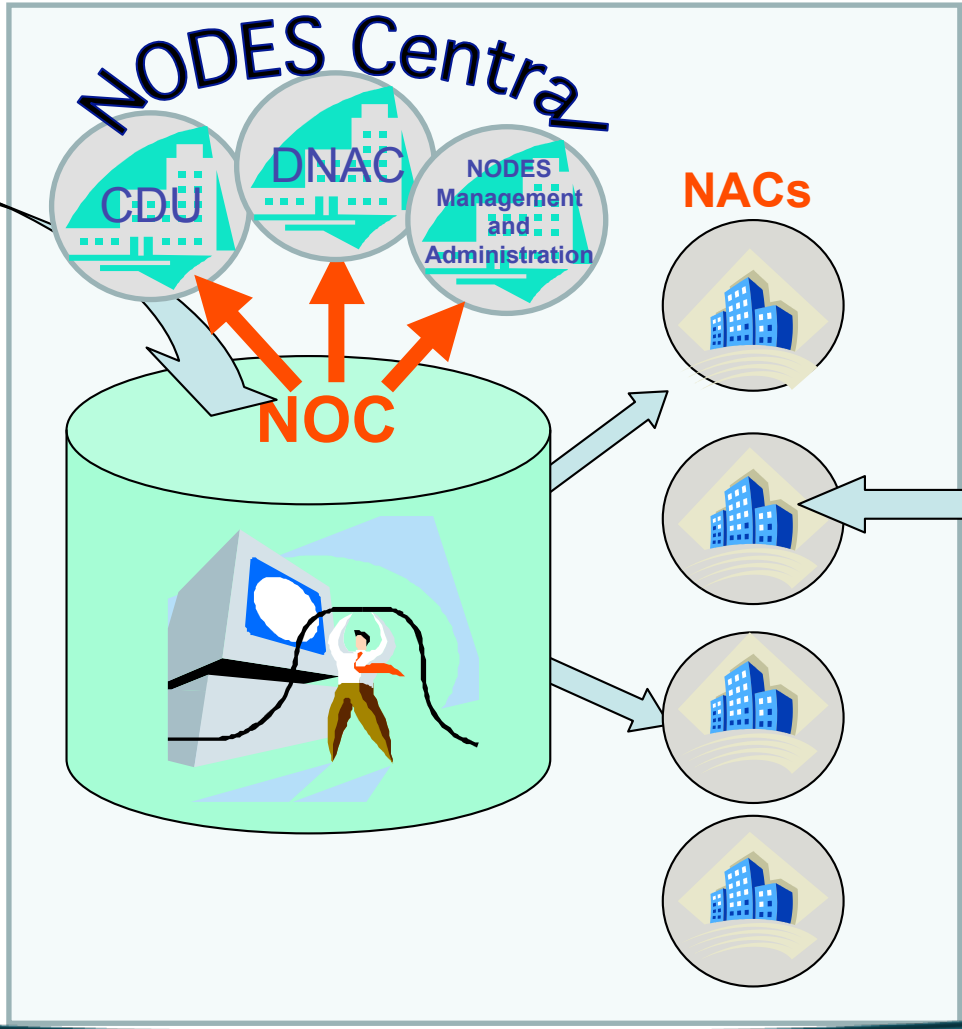
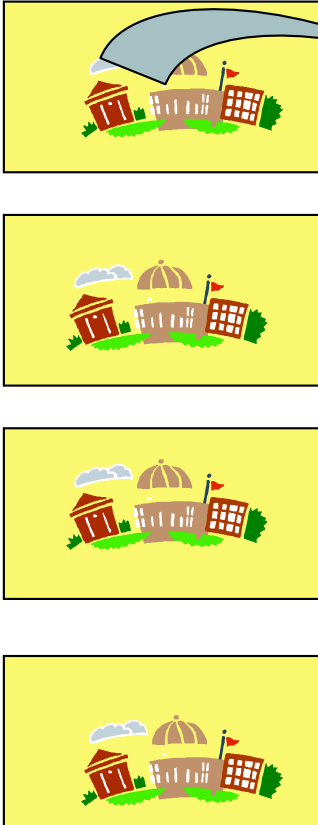
# Name Change Evolution

**DEMP** → **DEPP** → **NDEN** → **DESC** → **MMCs** → **NODES** → **NACs**

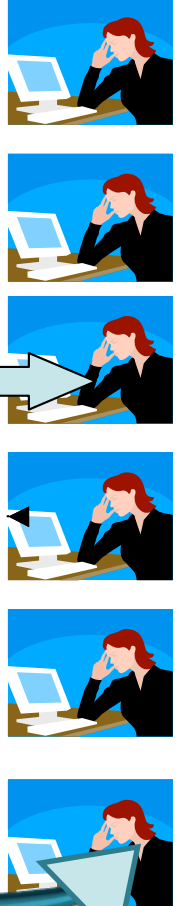


# NODES Model

**PIs**  
Institutions and  
Organizations

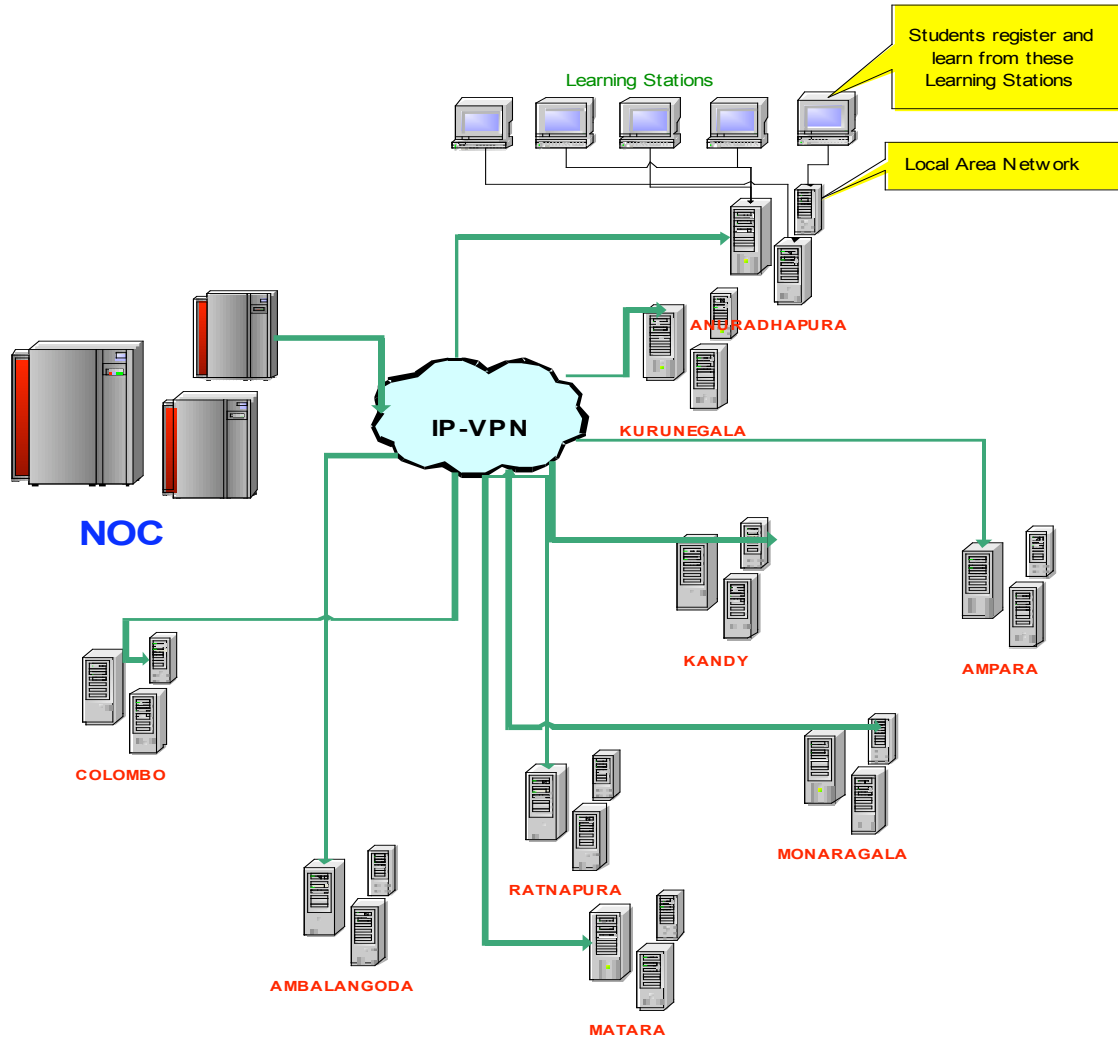


**Students**

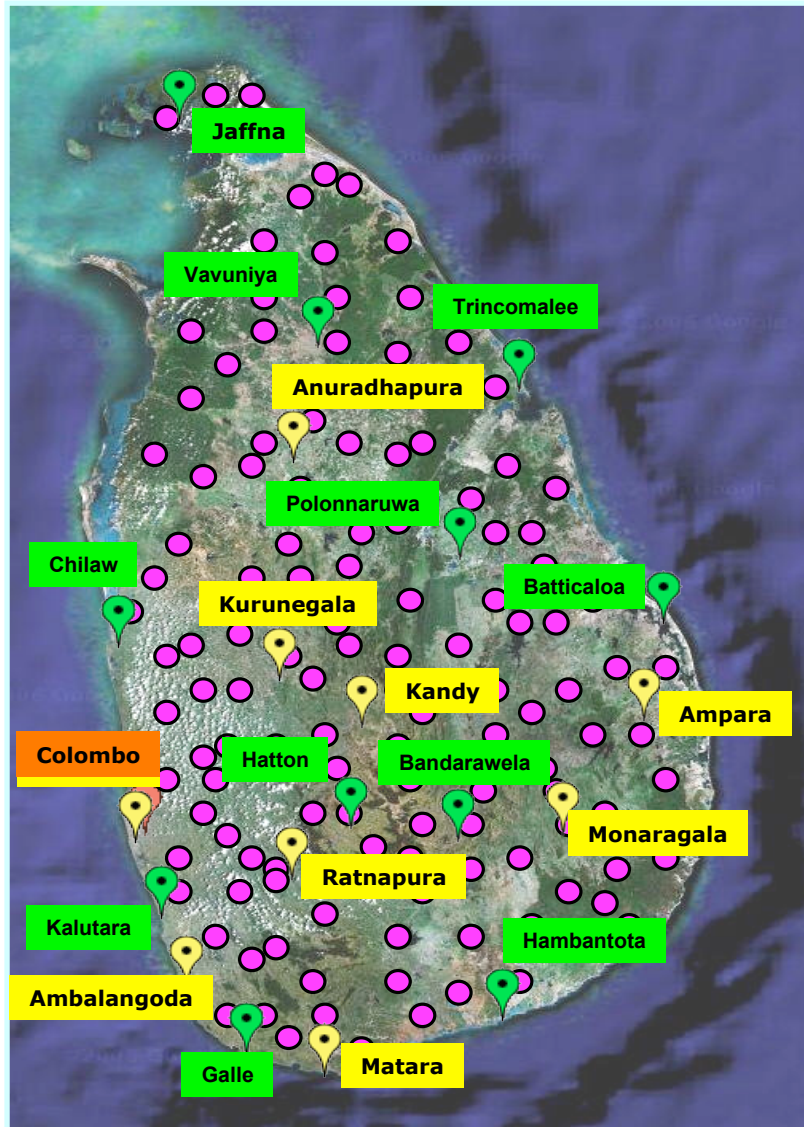






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# NODES Network

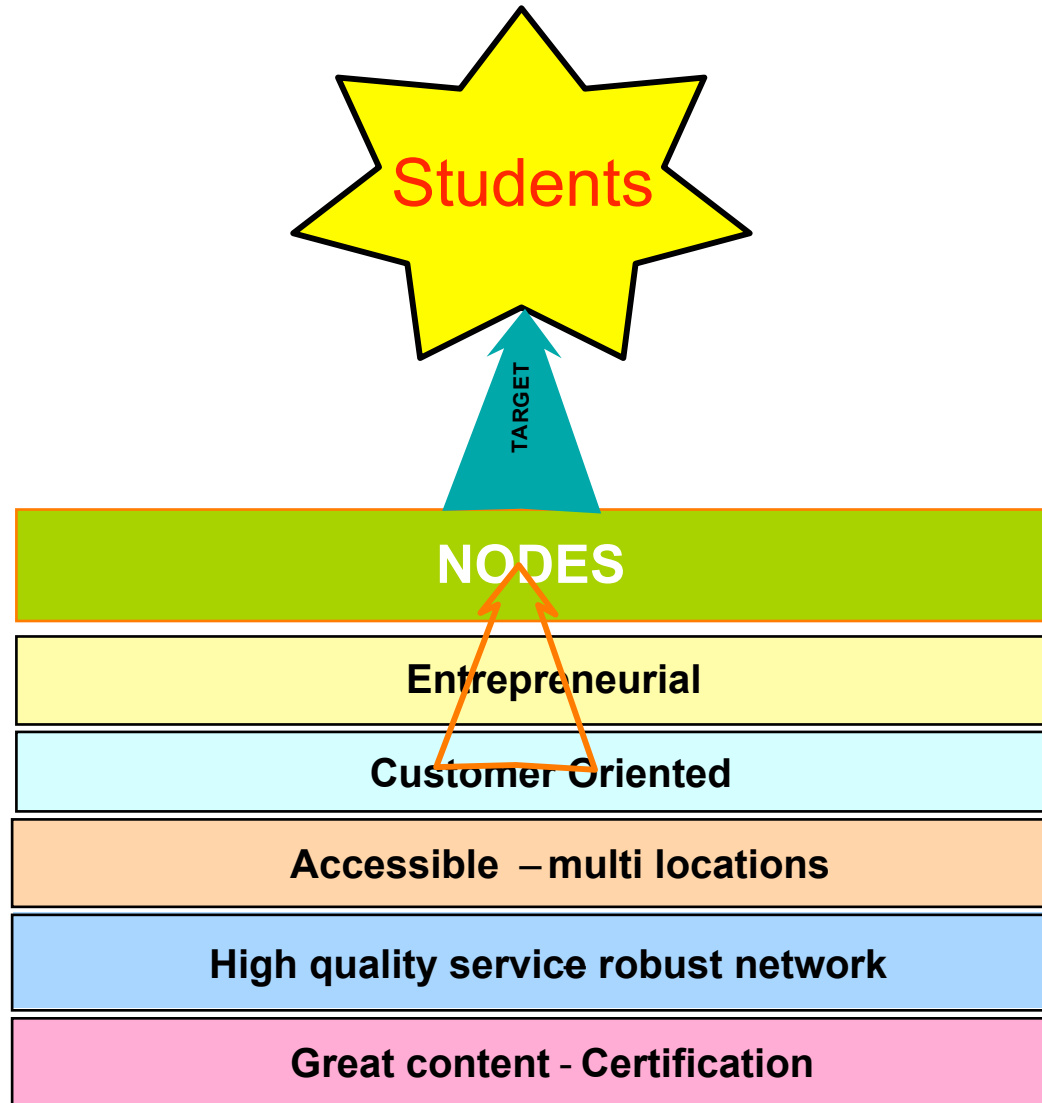


# NODES Network – Geographical Locations



-  Network Operating Centre
-  Round 1 Access Sites
-  Round 2 Access Sites
-  Future Plans – 150 Sites Nationwide

# NODES Business Strategy



# Growth Pattern of NODES

- Placing a great deal on the future of ICT and online learning
- Future in NODES
  - NODES growing to 150 outlets within 5 years
  - NODES growing international in Moodle hosting and consulting

# NODES International

- NODES vision is to go international
  - NODES is a great network
  - Hosting services
    - Web hosting
    - Moodle hosting
    - Moodle administration
  - Consulting
    - Moodle consulting
    - Moodle training

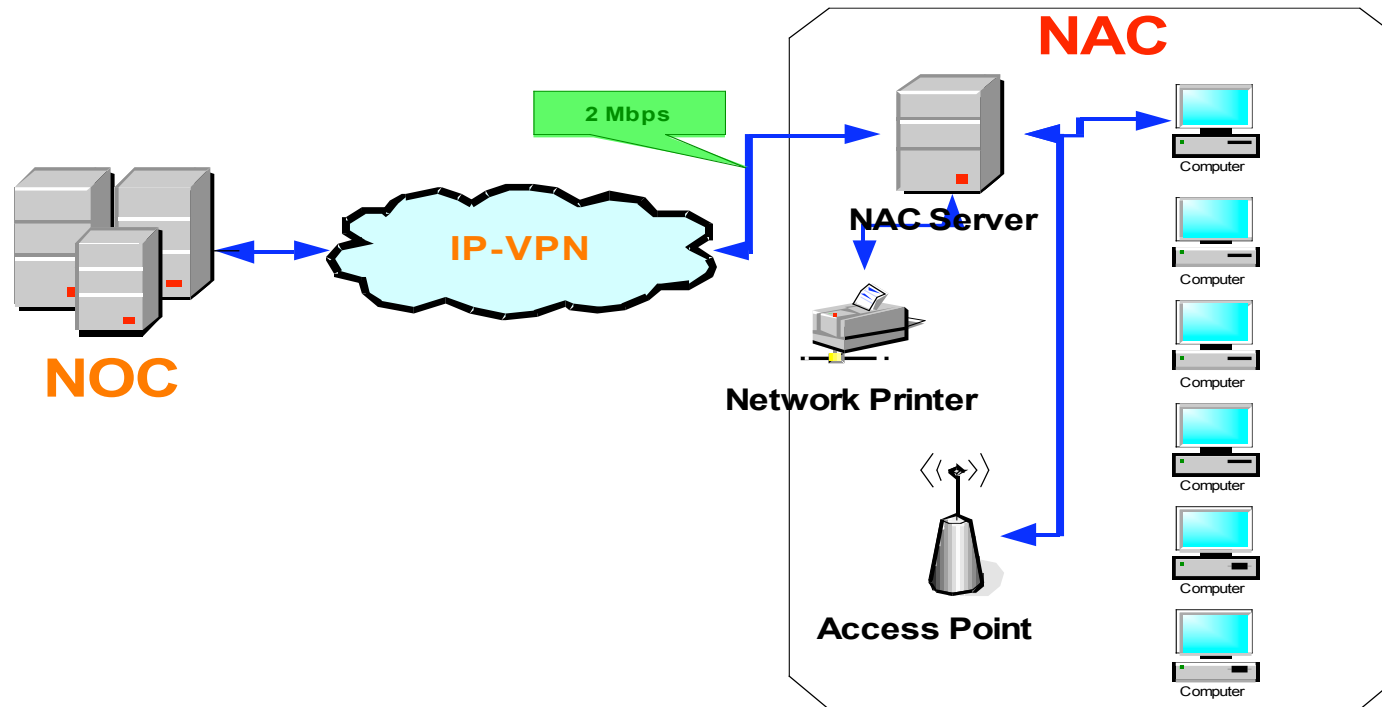
# What are NACs?

- NODES Access Centres (NACs)
- Learning centres of NODES
- Initially located at OUSL campuses
- A place where students go for online learning as well as Internet access
- A place where technology seminars could be held
- A place that will offer peripheral services

# Three Types of NACs

- Designated NACs, owned, operated by NODES (full service)
- Partnership NACs, licensed by NODES (full service, not yet in place)
- Access Points, also licensed by NODES (not full service, not yet in place)

# Configuration of a NAC



# OUSL-NACs

- Full-service NACs
- Well equipped outlets – high standards
- There will be 26 OUSL-NACs
- Non – OUSL will be:
  - Other public sector institutions
  - Partnership
- Marketing will be done nationwide
  - NODES to be promoted as the leader in distance education

# Role of NACs Staff

- **Controllers, Managers and Supervisors**
  - Ensure place is conducive to learn online
  - You control the atmosphere of the facility
  - Ensure place is comfortable and clean
  - Ensure the place is not noisy or rowdy
- **Customer service**
  - Registration
  - Connection to content
  - Assistance in PC operations
  - Assistance in programmes
  - Sales – copying, faxing, printing, etc.

# General Code of Conduct of NACs Staff

- Well groomed, well dressed – presentable for business
- Polite and pleasant
- No smoking, no drinking, no drugs
- Punctual – adherence to work schedules
- Businesslike - respectful
- Personal use – be discrete
- Customer is King (customer first)
- No truancy

# NODES Attitude

- NODES is a united, dynamic organization needing the support and cooperation of its trained staff
- Golden opportunity at this early stage of growth;
  - Like a young growing child
  - Character-building stage
  - Staff will form what and how NODES will be

# Opportunities

- A good place with tremendous growth in career opportunities
- Staff are groomed to lead in IT area
- Training is important to NODES

***“Education is just the progressive  
Realisation of our ignorance”***

***Albert Einstein***

***Thank You***

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