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# The Global Knowledge Network

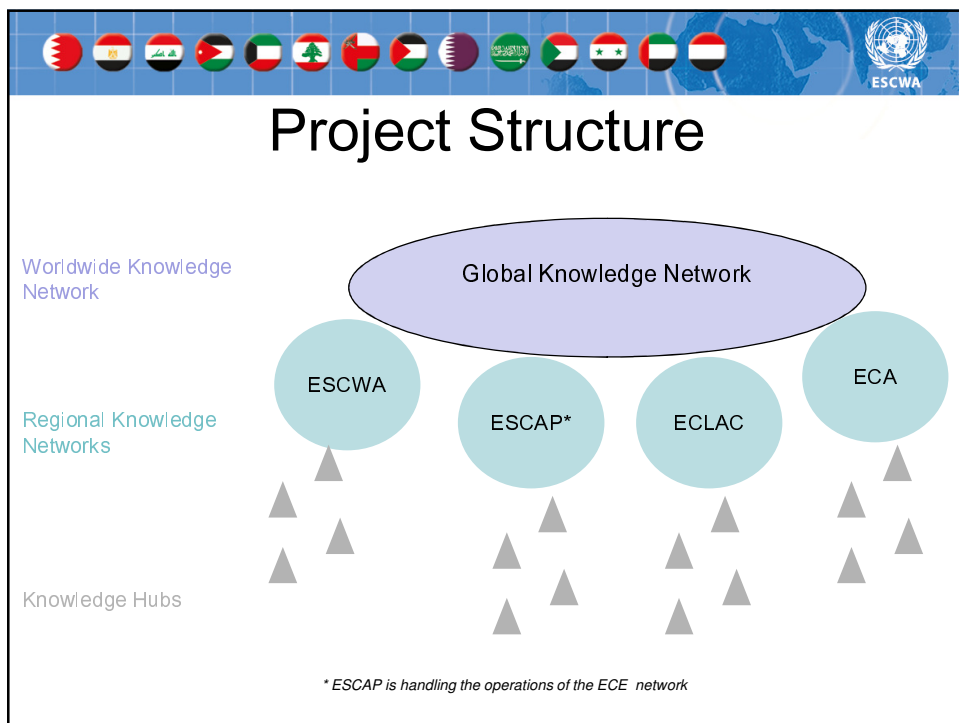
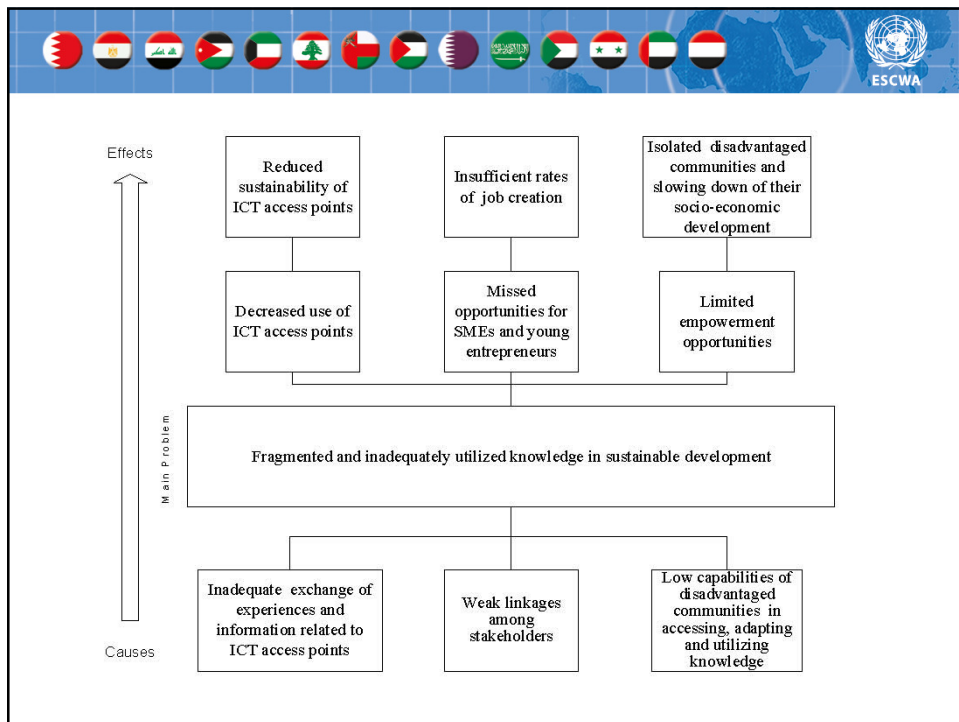
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1. The idea behind knowledge networks
2. Connecting regional networks in a global network
3. Functions of a global network
4. Types of networks envisaged in project
5. Issues facing the implementation of the global network (open discussion)





### Functions of a global network

- Act as a repository of knowledge which consolidates data from various national and regional networks
- Facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences between peers on a global level
- Provide services for members: upkeep, administration and evolution



### Implementation of a global network

- Repository: Creation of a portal
- Exchange of ideas & experiences: Online forums, communities of practice, newsgroups
- Provide services for members: Web administrators, steering committee



Issues (open discussion)

- Getting over the language barrier
- Finding a common ground
- Administration
- Sustainability
- Other



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