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# AP-IS Academia Network

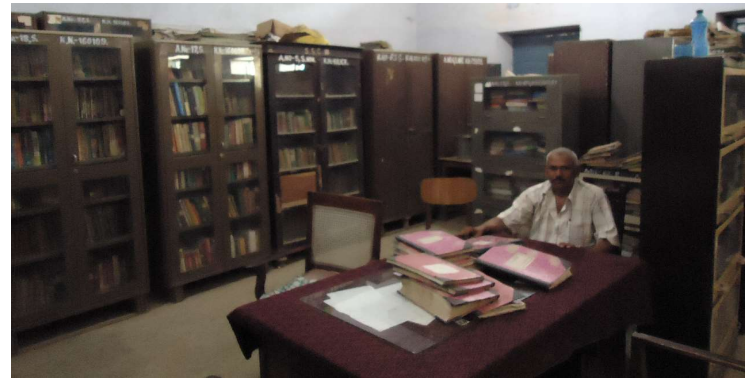
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# Ideation

- When the massification and digitisation of higher education means it is available to more people, in more places, than ever, inequality is getting worse between and within many countries.
- Three discourses: Development and global inequality; the purpose and responsibilities of higher education; and on the disruptive potential of technology enabled learning collaborations.

*Universities, the digital divide and global inequality*  
Christopher Hill & William Lawton, 11 Oct 2018



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## Background

- The AP-IS Academia Network is proposed to be a coalition of universities, research and education centres involved in the research, development and training on information society and related issues.
- Presented at the First Meeting of the AP-IS Steering Committee, 1 – 2 November 2017, Dhaka
- Discussed again in AP-IS Steering Group Meeting, Bangkok, 12 December 2017



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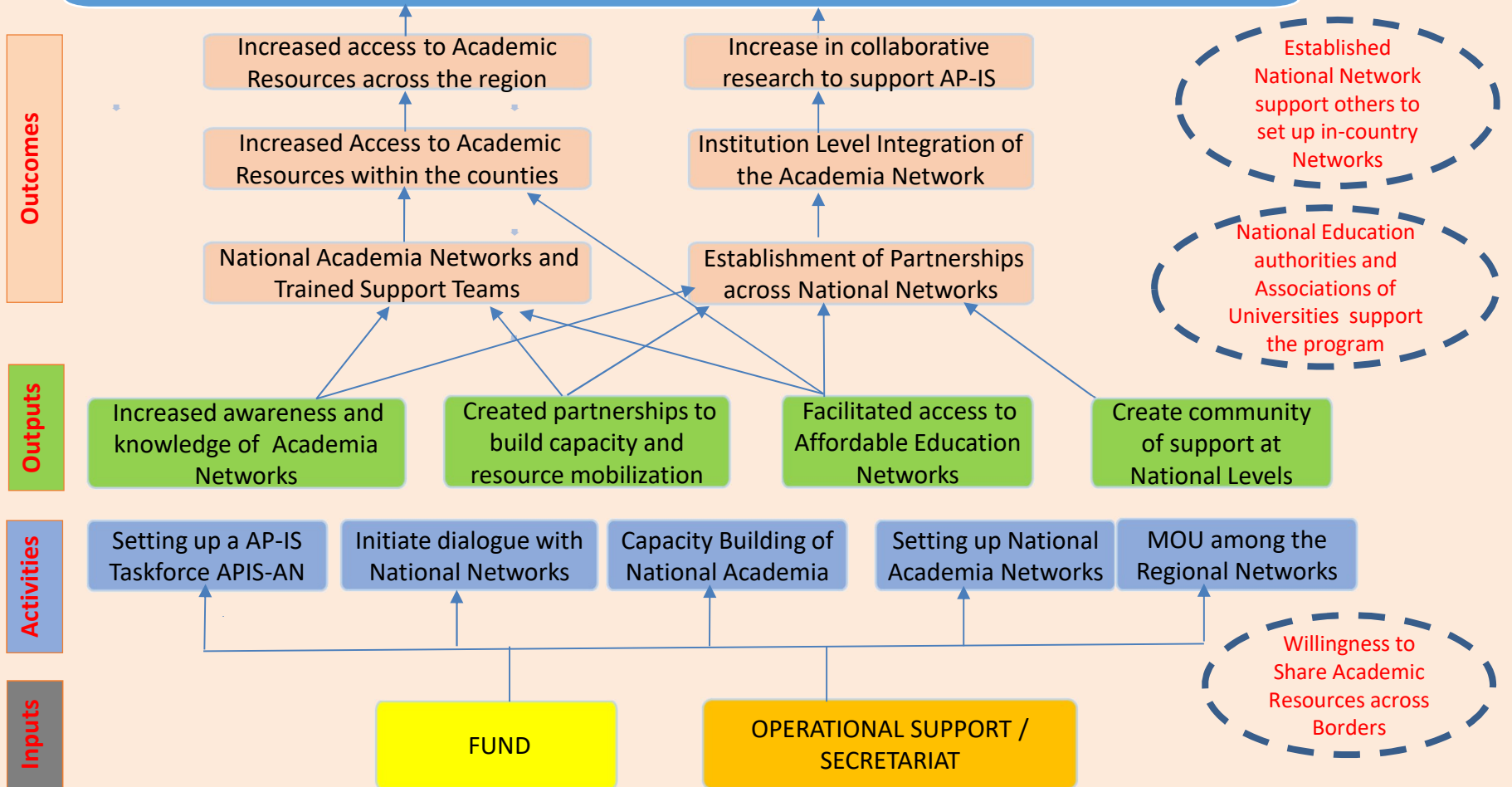
- AP-IS Academia Network will be a platform for the academic community to collaborate / aggregate knowledge resources from the regional academic communities.
- Provide critical input and support to AP-IS
- Hub of strategic research, education and training and be a vital arm to achieve AP-IS vision and goals.



## GOAL

- To provide both research and capacity building capabilities for network members
- To identify and respond to challenges and opportunities in which AP-IS initiative can achieve its objectives.
- To create a shared platform to cover the last mile in academia

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- Expression of interest so far
- Formation of a Task force / Working Group
- Identifying Partners / Member universities and institutions and researchers





**Thank you !**

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