Opportunities for Rationalizing the Capacity Development Knowledge Architecture
Mapping Capacity Development
Online

- 38 websites identified and reviewed
- English was dominant language
- RSS feeds (pushing out content)—11
- E-newsletter available—15
- Social media options such as Facebook—3
- Participation / membership option—16
Opportunities for Improvement

• Growing awareness, political will and commitment to improving effectiveness
• Increasing array of relevant internet tools accessible at relatively low cost
• New partnership models for the knowledge economy demonstrating successful institutional arrangements
• Significant number of development organizations planning their initial platforms or re-building existing sites—also establishing formal KM functions and knowledge / learning strategies
Important Issues

• Complexity of capacity development
• Information overload—need for filtering
• Vested interests
• Ownership—concerns over IP
• Culture and Diversity of Interests
• Budgets
• Incentives
• Balancing Centralization / Decentralization
Potential Benefits

• Find and share information more simply across platforms and initiatives
• Reuse and re-apply existing knowledge
• Accelerate innovation and collaboration
• Expand the access and impact of CD within sector-specific networks
Recommendations

• Build momentum with quick wins
• Establish / Strengthen CD content aggregator(s)
• Bring people together within an expanding capacity development “commons”
• Increase the capacity of the human network
• Integrate to the extent possible with emergent and existing regional, national and sectoral platforms (such as APDev)