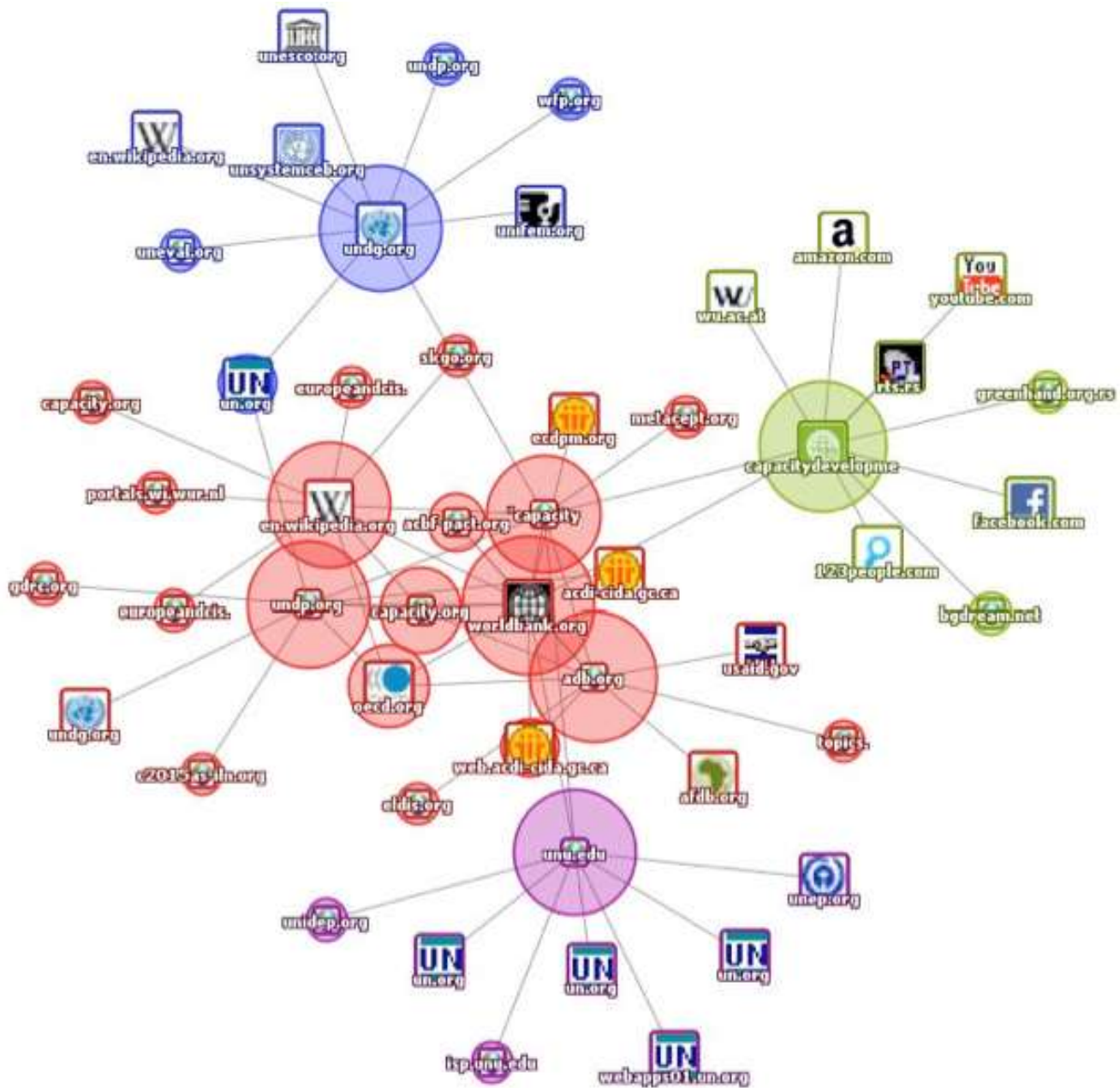# Opportunities for Rationalizing the Capacity Development Knowledge Architecture

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

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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)