

Case Studies 1

- Very different origins – a good overview
- All indicating a ‘commons’ of one kind or another
- Overall they illustrate how the ICTs are increasing participation and collaboration
- Very different circumstances – leading to very different methodologies.

Case Studies 2

- Similarities
 - Part of the mission, even if different motivations
 - Solutions proposed are context specific
 - Actually doing things and learning from them
 - Generally well resourced
 - Well used
 - Developing useful IT based application tools

SWOT

- **THE Strength** – free (no fee) at point of use
 - So the ‘commons’ aspect is fulfilled at this level
 - Archiving in the hands of the scientists/users....
 - Improved capacity to increase flow of information from and between developing regions
 - Enable user feedback
 - Commitment of the people involved in the projects
- A (potential) **weakness** – English....!
 - Long term commitment/preservation.....??
 - (lack of) built in distribution of systems
 - Archiving in the hands of the scientists/users....!!!!

SWOT (continued)

- Opportunities

- to use ICTs for more interactive applications and media (interactivity & audio/video)
- to use the tools to perform R&D in information creation/dissemination
- to create the Science Commons

- Threats

- (over)use of DRM – resistance from ‘owners’
- R&D with public private partnership (ppp) content – no publication?
- Ditto with patenting.....

SWOT (continued)

- Security – making information available to the ‘wrong’ people
- Mis-interpretation of the information
- Tensions between partners

Possible Actions

- Need more interaction/learning between experiences
- Maybe in developing countries some more involvement of the [existing] publishing community
- Better understanding of the legal issues?
- Provide more case studies!! (or more case study information...)