

CarISnet Call for Stories on the application of ICTs for Development in the Caribbean

The Caribbean has had many projects which have served as benchmarks for the application of information and communication technologies for development. As part of the effort to capture and document the application of ICT4Ds in the Caribbean, this activity will seek to identify and highlight projects and initiatives from which lessons and approaches can be learned that will enhance the knowledge pool on regional ICT4D initiatives guide and inform future ICT4D activities in the region and provide a basis for ICT4D policy development, review and reform.

The stories should exemplify significant ways in which ICTs are being applied to address major development issues are being solicited from the members of the CIVIC Community, and beyond.

This is possible thanks to the financial support of The Institute for Connectivity in the Americas (ICA) to the CarISnet project.

The aim is to capture examples of practices characterized by leadership and innovation rather than "success" stories. As such, these case studies will consider experiences where partners in the field could learn not only from successes, but also from the failures and mistakes of those who are taking the risk of being leaders and innovators in the field of ICT for development

The stories should not be more than 4 pages (1500-1800 words) and should contain the following information:

- A representative title
 - Name/s and affiliations of Author/s as well as email address of 1st Auth=
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- Background including:
 - =09The country/area of the Caribbean to which the Case Study refers
 - =09A short description or explanation of the topic of the Case Study
 - The relevant Millennium Development Goal(s)/ development issues
 - =09Target groups/community/sector

- =09Challenges
- =09Successes or Failures
- =09Innovations (where relevant)
- =09Lessons learned
- =09Future directions/Recommendations

Submissions should be in English, Spanish or French. Maximum number of submissions per person is 2.

The CarISnet team and a panel of volunteers (CIVIC volunteers to be jury please raise hands) will review the stories submitted.

Assessment will be based on the:

- Clarity of the expression of the relevant themes
- the innovativeness of the approaches employed in the initiative
- the extent to which the lessons learned relate to development issues affecting the region
- the usefulness/ applicability of solutions/lessons learned to other projects, and for advocacy

The best story will receive a prize of US 800 and the second prize will be of 400.

All stories will be posted in the ICT Clearinghouse

Send your submission by 00:00GMT December 15th 2006 to Vidyaratha Kissoon email vidyak@devnet.org.gy

Results will be announced on Dec 23rd.