



Caribbean Telecommunications Union

**Caribbean Internet Governance
& Regional ICT Harmonisation**

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Presentation Outline

- CTU Background
- Review of CTU's involvement and progress in Internet governance activities
- Opportunities to Make a Difference



History of the CTU

- Established in 1989 in Nassau, The Bahamas by Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Ministers responsible for Telecommunications, to be the inter-governmental telecommunications policy instrument for the Caribbean
- 2003: Defined a new strategic direction to address issues of information and communications technologies
- 2004: Expanded Membership to include Private sector organisations
- 2007: Launched WEBSITE: www.ctu.int



Mission

- To create an environment in partnership with members to optimize returns from ICT resources for the benefit of stakeholders



CTU Members

State Members

- Anguilla
- Antigua/Barbuda
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- British Virgin Is.
- Cayman Is.
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- St Kitts/Nevis
- St Lucia
- St. Vincent & The Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Turks and Caicos

Associate State Members

- Cuba

Non-State Members

- Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority
- Bureau Telecommunicatie en Post (Curacao)
- Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- International Amateur Radio Union (Region2)
- Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago)



CTU Governance Structure

- **General Conference (Permanent)**

Supreme organ of the CTU

Member State Ministerial representatives

The General Conference meets annually.

- **Executive Council (Permanent)**

Implements directives issued by the General Conference

Member State Permanent Secretaries and Technical Officers

The Executive Council Meets bi-annually



Governance Structure

- **Technical Conference (Ad Hoc)**
Members' expert representatives
- **The Secretariat (Permanent)**
Principal administrative and Implementing organ.
Headed by a Secretary General
[Ms. Bernadette Lewis]



CTU Activities

- **Policy Formulation**

 - Internet Governance

 - Spectrum Management

 - Other areas in ICT

- **Capacity Development**

 - Caribbean Centre of Excellence

 - ICT Training Programmes

 - Technical Assistance

 - Caribbean ICT information

- **Representation**

 - International Fora

 - ITU

 - ICANN

 - ARIN

 - LACNIC

 - Other



CTU Projects

- **Internet Governance**
- **Spectrum Management Policy Reform**
- **Caribbean Centre of Excellence**
- **Connected Caribbean Initiative**
- **EU - ITU Caribbean ICT Harmonisation**



CTU's Goals for IG

- Regional policy formulation and harmonisation
 - Multi-stakeholder approach
- Facilitate expedited development and use of the Internet in the region
 - Project development
 - Capacity building



CTU / Caribbean IG Timeline

- **Early 2005** - CARICOM Secretariat requests CTU to address IG in the Caribbean on their behalf
- **Sep 2005 - Oct 2008:**
 - 4 Caribbean IG Forum sessions (One with CIF); Inputs made to CARICOM participation in WSIS, global IGF and CARICOM ICT Steering Committee
 - Workshops on IG Technical and Policy Issues
 - CTU established on-line IGF www.ctu.int
 - Strengthened regional and international liaisons (ICANN, CIF, ARIN, LACNIC)
 - Ministerial engagement



Recent Caribbean Activities & Outreach

- 4th CIGF, Curacao, July 2008
- ccTLD Technical & Policy Workshop, Haiti, Aug 2008
- IG input to CARICOM ICT Steering Committee Work
- ARIN & LACNIC Policy Development Meetings & Workshops (all with associated CTU workshops)
 - ARIN Caribbean Sector Meeting, Kingston, May 2008
 - ARIN Caribbean Sector Meeting, Bahamas, Sep 2008
 - LACNIC Caribbean, Curacao, Jul 2008
- CTU Ministerial Strategic Seminars
 - Bermuda, Feb 2008 and Barbados, Sep 2008



Caribbean IG Activities Status

- 4th CIGF reviewed preliminary draft (Issue 0.1, Oct 2007) of regional IG framework
 - Volunteer WG targeted to complete Issue 1.0 draft in 2008
 - Prelim draft was submitted as input document to CARICOM 2010 planning; Issue 1.0 also to be submitted
- Some priority areas and projects identified
 - Regional development metrics
 - Infrastructure development initiatives (physical, logical, content)
- Increasing Caribbean involvement in IG activities through opportunities and outreach



Outline of Regional IG Framework

- Background Context
- Vision / Mission / Guiding Principles
- Policy Proposals
 - Physical Infrastructure
 - Logical Infrastructure
 - Content
 - Public Awareness, Capacity Building & Research
- Operational Structure / Implementation
- Measurement / Periodic Review

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Outlook for 2008 - 2009

- Completion of Issue 1.0 of regional IG policy framework document (via WG and open multi-stakeholder input)
- Continued Caribbean coordination and involvement in global IG activities
- Developing an Internet “Road Show” to build awareness of Internet issues and opportunities in the region
 - e.g. Internet Day @ 6th CIF, Trinidad, Oct 2008



Opportunities to Contribute

- The UN's IGF, Hyderabad, Dec 2008
 - In person or via <intgovforum.org>
- ARIN and LACNIC policy development work
 - In person or via <arin.net> or <lacnic.net>
- CTU's regional policy development work
 - In person or via on-line forum, e-mail or phone
- Engagement with ICANN and ISOC communities
<icann.org>; <isoc.org>
- Contribute to your local policies e.g. ccTLDs
- Join regional ICT communities e.g. CIVIC

Make a difference!



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