Caribbean Telecommunications Union

17th Caribbean Internet Governance Forum

THEME: Caribbean Internet Governance Priorities for Post-COVID ICT-Driven Development

24th TO 25th AUGUST 2021 • ONLINE • VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING

BACKGROUND	The Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (CIGF) is a regional, multi-stakeholder forum initiated by the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat in 2005 to coordinate a regional approach to Internet Governance (IG), initially focussed on the proceedings of the United Nations' World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The forum has since met annually and has delivered significant and pioneering benefits to the region including formulation of a Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework; the proliferation of Internet exchange points (IXPs); capacity building in IG Principles and best practices; and growth in Caribbean influence in international IG fora. The CIGF is the longest running Internet Governance Forum in the world. As we are still being affected by the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, this year the 17th CIGF will be convened once again via online videoconferencing under the auspices of the CTU. The remote working protocols occasioned by COVID-19 have demonstrated a new urgency for digital transformation. The 17th CIGF will address various work streams of Internet governance necessary to seize this opportunity for accelerated adoption in a trusted and secure manner, and position the Caribbean for sustainable, ICT-driven post-COVID recovery. It will also continue work to update the regionally harmonised policy framework for Internet governance.
OBJECTIVES	• Consider Internet governance policies and initiatives for priority attention to facilitate COVID-19 response and recovery • Review regional vision, priorities and approaches for sustainably building and/or strengthening consensus and action on IG issues in the Caribbean • Build national capacity and systems in IG to enable, support, strengthen and sustain effective Caribbean participation and representation at regional and global Internet Governance fora
TARGET AUDIENCE	• Academia • Civil society • Government policy makers and IT Managers • Internet users • Internet service providers and Telecommunications operators • International organisations • ICT Regulators

PROGRAMME OUTLINE AT A GLANCE

Time	Day 1	Day 2
AM	Welcome & Introduction to Internet Governance • CIGF @ 17 Reviewing CIGF Vision and Mission	**Hot Topics in IG:** Affordable Meaningful Connectivity
AM	National, Regional & Global IG Contexts: • Reports from National IGFs (T&T, SVG, Barbados et al) • Report from LACIGF • UN IGF and support for National & Regional Initiatives (NRIs)	**Panel:** Foundational Digital ID: The Promise, Perils & Paths
PM	**Caribbean Internet Governance:** • Caribbean IG Policy Framework • Policy Priorities for Current and Future Attention	ICANN 71 Review and ICANN 72 Outlook i-Orgs and Caribbean IG: Collaboration in Action
PM	**Workshop Session:** Enhancing Caribbean Internet Research and Data for Development	**Open Microphone** Conclusions
Evening		

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday 24th August 2021 Programme	OPENING SESSION	
TIME	**SESSION**	**PRESENTER**
09:00	Welcome & Invocation	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire** – Telecommunications Specialist, CTU
09:05	Welcome Remarks	**Mr. Rodney Taylor** - Secretary General, CTU
09:15	Remarks	**Mr. Chengetai Masango** – Head of Office, UN IGF Secretariat
09:20	Remarks	**Mr. Bevil Wooding** – Director of Caribbean Affairs, ARIN
09:25	Remarks	**Mr. Kevon Swift** - Head of Strategic Relations & Integration, LACNIC
09:30	Remarks	**Mr. Shernon Osepa** - Director - Caribbean Affairs and Development, Internet Society (ISOC)
09:35	Remarks	**Mr. Albert Daniels** - Senior Manager, Stakeholder Engagement (Caribbean), ICANN
09:40	**CIGF @ 17** : What We've Done, Current Initiatives and What's Next	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire** – Telecommunications Specialist , CTU
10:30	**BREAK**	
10:45	**UPDATES: Reports, Trends and Updates from National, Regional and Global IG Fora**	**Moderator**: **Mr. Nigel Cassimire** – Telecommunications Specialist, CTU
	• **Caribbean NIGFs**: Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	**Mr. Tracy Hackshaw** – Director, TTIGF **Mr. Marcellus Constance** – SVG IGF
	• **LAC Update** Status of events and capacity-building initiatives	**Mr. Kevon Swift** - LACNIC
	• **UN IGF Update** Major themes; opportunities and support for NRIs, SIDS and developing country inputs, youth based initiatives	**Ms. Anja Gengo** - UN IGF Secretariat **Mr. Tracy Hackshaw** – DC-SIDS **Mr. Kevon Swift** - LACNIC
	• **Q&A and General Discussion**	**All Participants**
12:15	**LUNCH BREAK**	

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12:15	**LUNCH**	
		Moderator: Mr. Nigel Cassimire – Telecommunications Specialist, CTU
13:30	**PRESENTATION: Data for Good**	**Mr. Omari Sefu** – Public Policy Associate Research Manager, Data For Good, Facebook
14:00	**WORKSHOP SESSION: Advancing and Sustaining Caribbean Internet Governance** • Updating the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework o Reviewing Policy Priorities for Current and Future Attention • Q&A / Discussion	**Facilitator: Mr. Nigel Cassimire –** Telecommunications Specialist, CTU
15:15	**BREAK**	
15:30	**WORKSHOP SESSION (Cont'd):** • Enhancing Caribbean Internet Research, Data and Measurement for Development	**Facilitator: Mr. Bevil Wooding** – Director of Caribbean Affairs, ARIN **Mr. Kevon Swift** – LACNIC **Mr. Shernon Osepa** – ISOC **Mr. Albert Daniels** - ICANN
16:15	General Discussion – Summary of Issues	
16:30	**End of Day 1 Programme**	
	Homework	

Wednesday 25th August 2021

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TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER/FACILITATOR
09:00	**Introduction and Recap**	**Mr. Gary Kalloo** – ICT Consultant, CTU
	Affordable & Meaningful Connectivity This session will present innovative policy proposals from A4AI, for Caribbean stakeholders to consider embedding into their advocacy strategies for inclusive digital development. Q/A and discussions will be facilitated with participants on the relevance and usefulness of these policy frameworks for the Caribbean stakeholders.	**Mr. Yacine Khelladi** – Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) **Ms. Ana Maria Rodriguez –** Research Analyst, A4AI **Ms. Muthoni Muriithi** – Senior Gender Policy Manager, Web Foundation **Ms. Nathalia Foditsch –** Senior Policy & Regulatory Specialist, A4AI
10:30	**BREAK**	
10:45	**PANEL: Foundational Digital ID – The Promise, Perils and Paths** Sharing national experiences, lessons learnt and identifying opportunities for collaboration, regionally harmonised approaches, standards and implementation actions for a Single ICT Space	**Moderator: Mr. Junior McIntyre** – ICT Consultant, CTU **Mr. Marlon Narcisse –** Director of Public Service Modernisation, Government of Saint Lucia **Dr. Clarence Henry –** Senior Technical Officer, Regional Integration Unit, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission **Mr. Clifford Bostic –** Chief Telecommunications Officer (Ag.), Government of Barbados
12:15	**LUNCH**	
13:30	**ICANN Update of Caribbean Interest** ICANN 71 Review & ICANN 72 Outlook	**Mr. Albert Daniels -** Senior Manager, Stakeholder Engagement (Caribbean), ICANN
	i-Orgs and Caribbean Internet Governance – Collaboration in Action	**Facilitator: Mr. Kevon Swift** – LACNIC **Mr. Bevil Wooding** – Director of Caribbean Affairs, ARIN **Mr. Shernon Osepa** – ISOC **Mr. Albert Daniels** - ICANN
15:00	**Participant Comments, Feedback and Recommendations**	**Open Microphone**
15:30	**Session and Forum Wrap Up**	CTU
15:45	**END OF 17th CIGF**	