

Caribbean Telecommunications Union

The CIGF @ 17

What We've Done, Current Initiatives and Future Outlook

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Presentation Outline

- Very Quick Review of CTU's Internet Governance Activities 2005 - 2021
- Current CIGF Initiatives
- Outlook for The Future

CTU Core Activities

1.  **ICT Harmonised Policy Formulation**
2. **Capacity Development** 
3.  **Regional ICT Project Coordination**
4. **Caribbean Representation** 
5.  **Industry Watch**

CTU's Goals for IG (since 2005)

- 2005: Requested by CARICOM Secretariat to address IG issues in the context of the Caribbean's input to WSIS
- Regional policy formulation and harmonisation
- Identify & focus on Caribbean priority issues
- Promotion/Acceleration of Internet development and use in the region
 - Project development
 - Capacity building

The CIGF is...

- World's first and longest running regional IG Forum
- A non-hierarchical multi-stakeholder forum that is convened by the CTU
- Focussed on harmonising IG policy regionally
- Focussed on addressing IG matters of priority to the Caribbean
- A pathway to influence policy-makers of the Government stakeholder in the Caribbean
- More than just a preparatory meeting for other IGFs
- Enhancing synergies with global IGF and LACIGF e.g. promoting national multi-stakeholder mechanisms

Achievements from CTU's IG Activities

- **17 Caribbean IG Fora** and 4 Ministerial Briefing Sessions on IG
- 3 Issues of Caribbean IG Policy Framework (2009, 2013, 2016)
- 23 Sessions on IG Technical and Policy Issues in 18 countries with ISOC, ARIN, ICANN, LACNIC, PCH, NIC.PR among others
- 1 South School of Internet Governance (2014)
- 18 IXP workshops in 14 Caribbean countries - continuing
- Contributed to regional and Global IGF proceedings
- Multiple IXPs and 3 NIGFs to date
- Guideline documents re IPv6 conversion and IXPs, Caribbean Cyber-security Framework
- Signed MoUs establishing partnerships to further CIG Agenda

CIGF Challenges

- Insufficient attention to/visibility of IG at the national and Governmental levels
- Limited reach and impact of the regional work at the national level; sometimes a disconnect between regional and national initiatives
- Lack of capacity/organisation nationally to benefit fully from the CIGF and to address and advocate on national IG issues;
- Insufficient capacity of the persons working in the area to represent their countries at international Internet fora or to execute IG related activities; and
- Multiplicity of uncoordinated interventions

Current Approach for

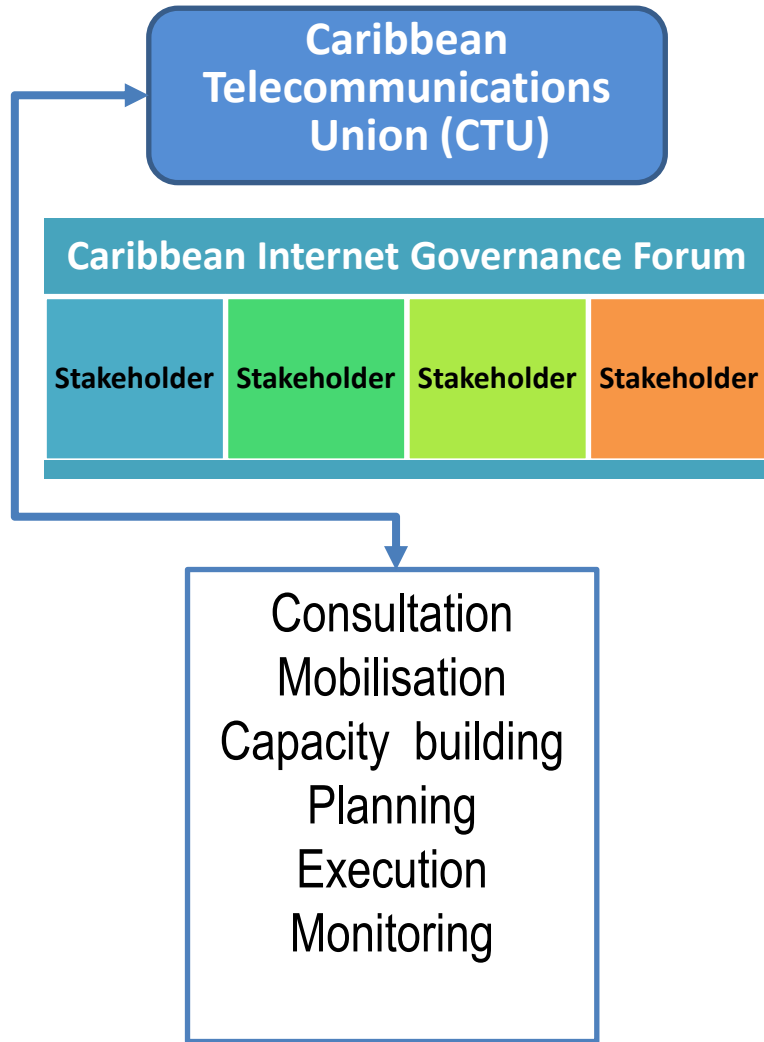
- Collaborate with regional/international Internet & ICT orgs
- Foster, support and utilise local communities of interest ...
 - ISOC Chapters
 - National IGFs
 - Task Forces
 - Advocacy groups
 - Computer Societies

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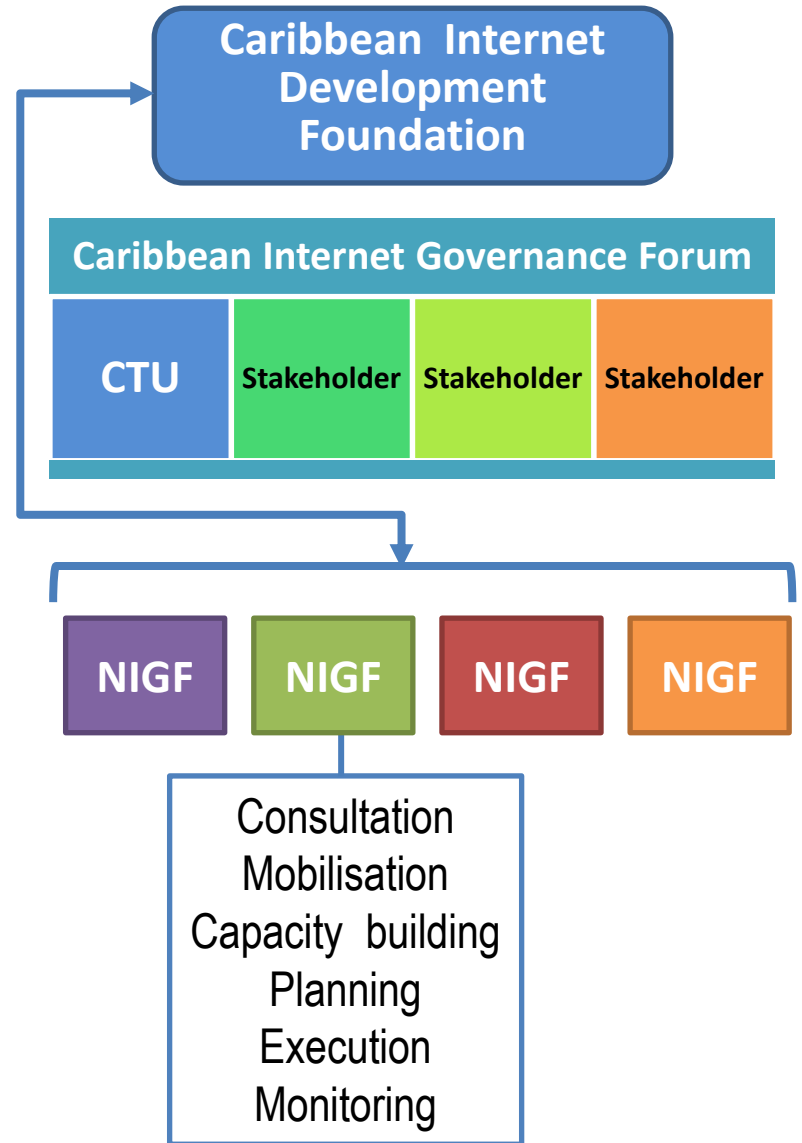
...to execute IG activities at national level.

- Progressive awareness and education campaigns for different audiences
- Advocacy for regional consensus policies
- CIRTs/CSIRTs
- ccTLD strengthening/development
- Implementing projects e.g. re IPv6, DNSSEC, Spam Control etc.

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CIGF Outlook for the Future

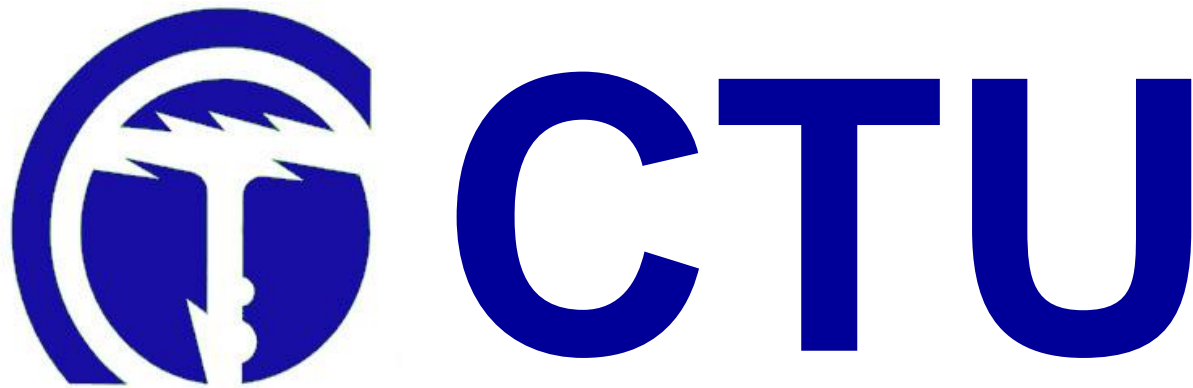
- Continue thrust towards national IGFs & communities
- Work with Caribbean stakeholders to promote implementation of IG policy recommendations at national and regional levels
- Pursue sustainable multistakeholder arrangements for CIGF work e.g. CIDF or appropriate alternative
- Enhance linkages with other IGFs
- Continuously review and agree priority IG issues for the Caribbean going forward
- Enhance process of ongoing collaboration to leverage online modes

17th CIGF Objectives

- Discuss key current issues in IG particularly in the context of COVID-19
- Liaison Reports
- Review current Caribbean IG policy priorities
- Consider operational modalities & next steps

What Can You Do?

- Get involved and make your voice heard:
 - **ALL** stakeholder views are invited and welcome
- Follow Internet Governance content and fora on CTU web site at <http://www.ctu.int> and on sites of the Internet organisations
- Actively participate in this 17th CIGF and its workshops
- Submit comments/feedback to CIGF@ctu.int



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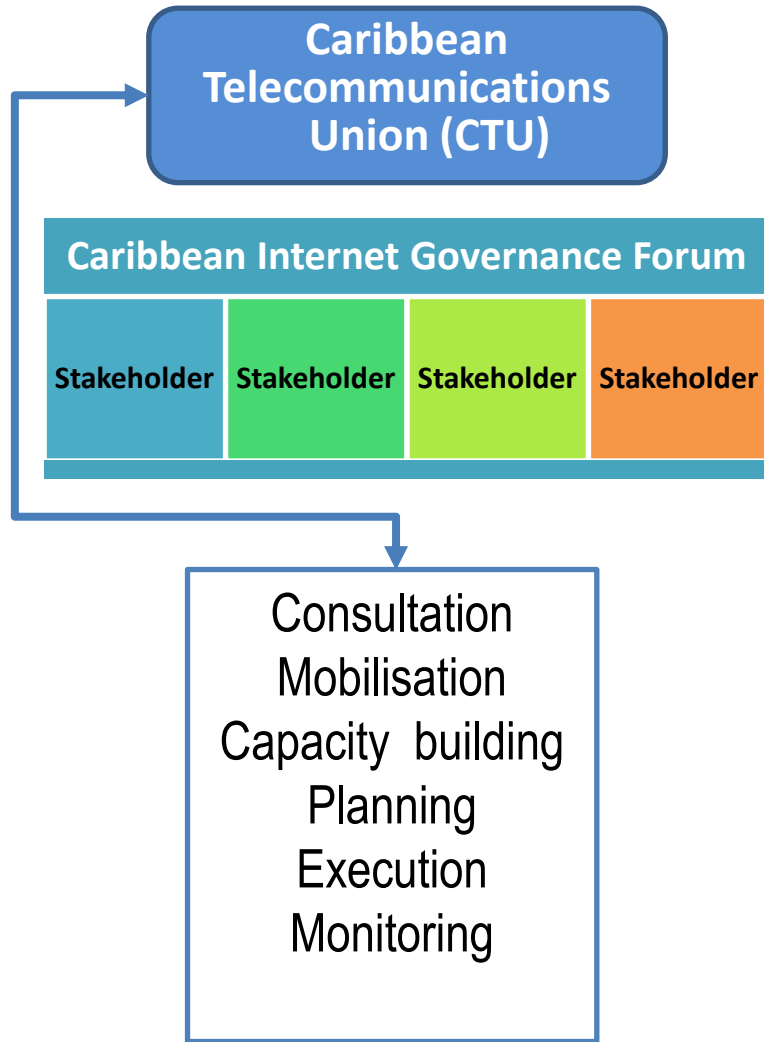
Your Feedback (on Anything CIGF)

- Sustaining regional IG harmonization
- Reviewing the Caribbean IG Policy Framework
- The 17th CIGF proceedings
- Internet governance issues for attention
- Future Caribbean IG work
- The CTU's ongoing role
- Offers of assistance
- Other.....

Open Mic Feedback (17th CIGF)

- Broaden and grow CIGF participation – Caribbean-wide promotion
- Enhance the development component of topics/discussions
- Internet for economic & social development (digital economy, digital ID, platforms, currencies, data ownerships etc.)
- Checklists for policy-makers (below the policy level) giving practical action elements e.g. 10 Steps to....
- Evolving outreach to non-traditional CIGF audiences e.g. youth (Next Gen), media to describe, translate, amplify IG impact
- Use of data to showcase Caribbean stories
- Make a specific space for the youth voice in Caribbean IG fora
- Foster and seize opportunities for more Caribbean representation in international fora to differentiate from LAC e.g. UN IGF etc.

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