

# Intro to Internet Governance

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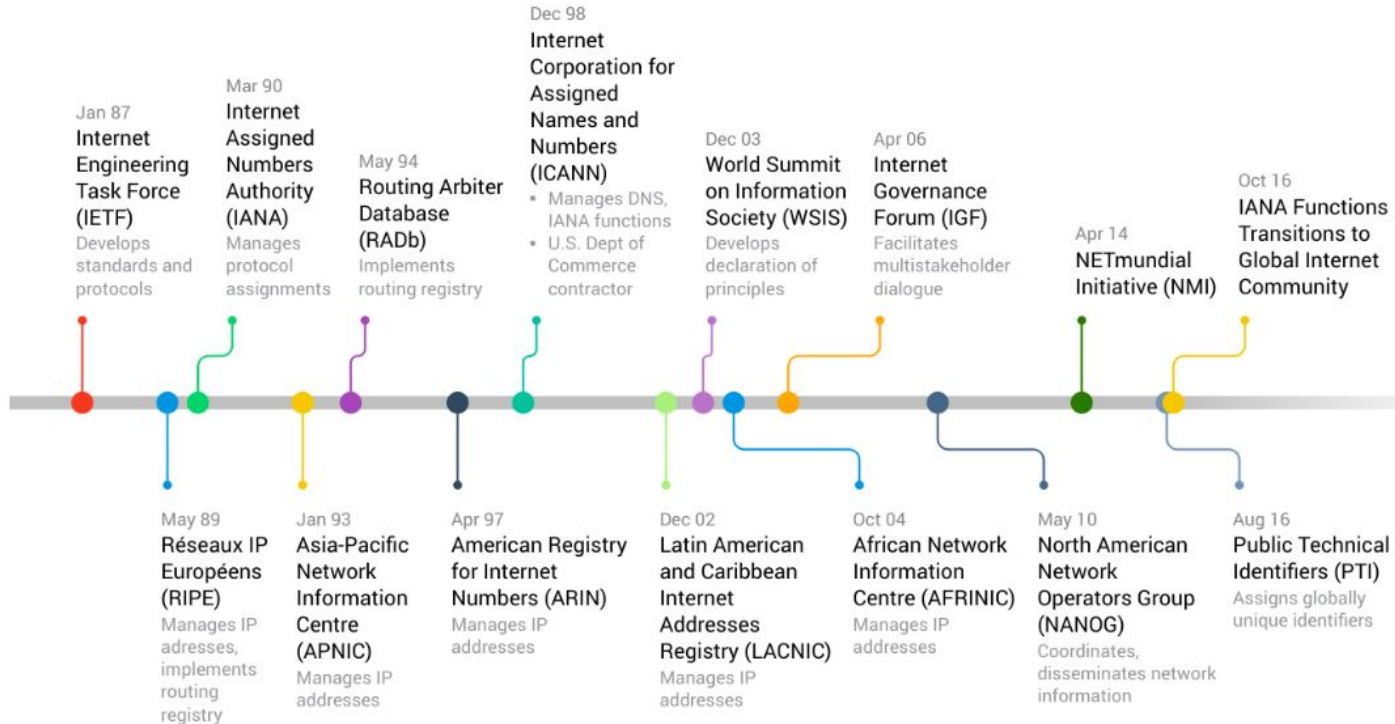


# Internet Governance - A Working Definition

Internet governance is the development and application by *governments*, the *private sector* and *civil society*, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.

- (World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), 2005)

# Internet Governance Timeline





# Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (CIGF)

CTU enlisted by the CARICOM secretariat, convened its **inaugural CIGF in 2005**

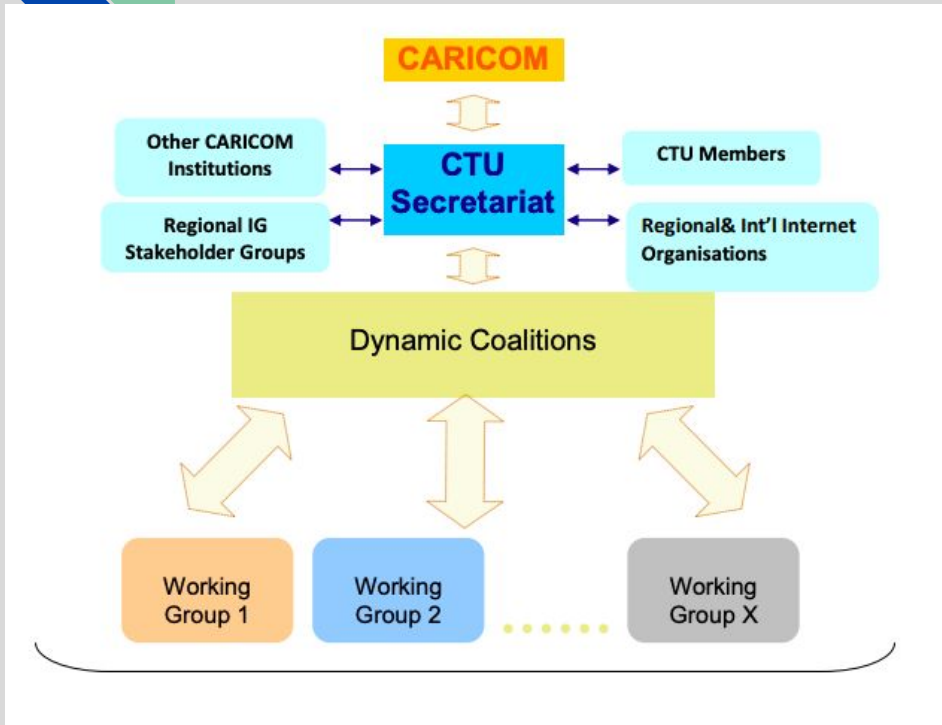
These annual meetings (and now 18th iteration) have been dedicated to:

- Identifying and prioritising IG issues relevant to the region
- Helping build consensus on Caribbean positions

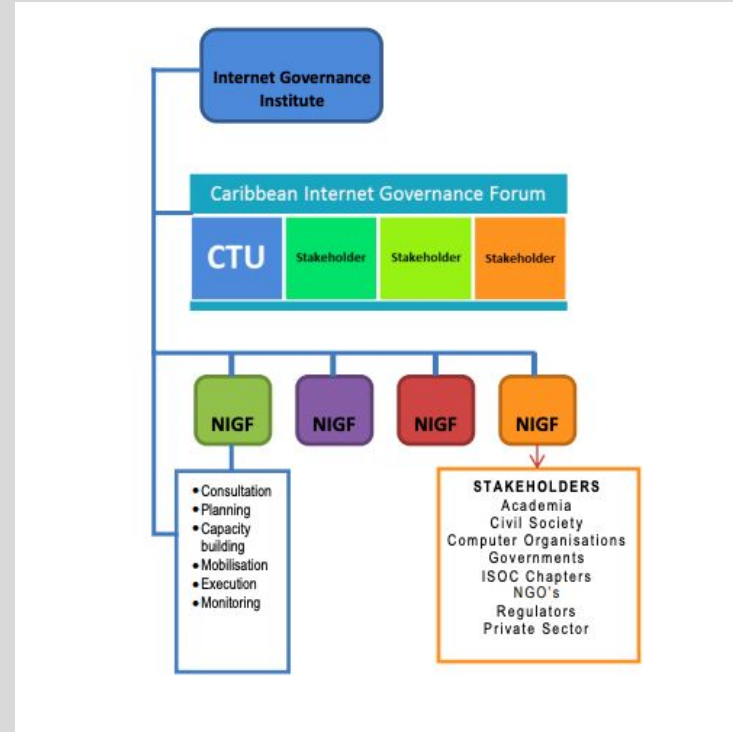
Produces a **policy framework** which proposes:

- A vision for the Caribbean Knowledge-based society
- A mission and guiding principles for IG policy development
- Recommendations for priority action and implementation strategies

# Operational Structure for Caribbean IG (CTU, 2016)



(Existing)



(Future)

## CTU's IG Strategic Areas - Policy Framework (3.0)

<b>Strategic Area</b>	<b>Abridged Definition</b>	<b>Example Initiatives</b>
1. Infrastructure for Broadband Connectivity	re fixed and mobile, wired and wireless networks and devices that enable connectivity	Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Program (CARCIP) in 2020 increased access to high-quality, low-cost digital connectivity in 3 countries
2. Internet Technical Infrastructure & Operations Management	re standards, schemes, systems, infrastructure, and structures necessary for efficient, stable and secure Internet operations	CTU Internet Exchange Point (IXP) Profileferation Project commenced in 2006 - led to the establishment of 12 IXPs within the Caribbean
3. Legal Frameworks & Enforcement	re legal structures and systems for protecting the safety, privacy and property of Internet users and the integrity of the Internet	Harmonization of ICT Policies and Legislation Across the Caribbean (HIPCAR) Project from 2008-2013 adopted by 15 member states

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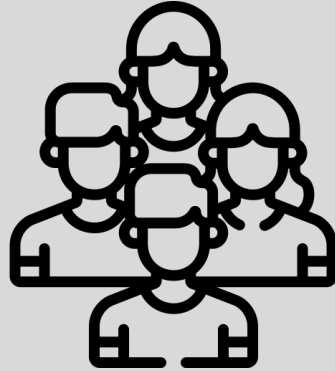
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4. Internet Content Development & Management	re creation, management, control and lawful use of the information transported via the infrastructure	Adoption of E-government services in several Caribbean Countries
5. Public Awareness & Capacity Building	re education and development of the human resources to manage and use Internet resources	CARICOM's Single ICT Space - to boost the competitiveness of member states by synchronizing their approaches to ICT development
6. Research	re examination, measurement and reporting on the development and usage of Internet resources	ECLAC has conducted studies on ICT usage and Internet government in the Caribbean - e.g. "The State of Broadband in Latin America & the Caribbean, 2016"

# The Need for Youth Involvement

Youth (15-29) account for the largest percentage of internet users globally



**23%** of the Caribbean population are between the ages of 15-29



Rapidly Changing Digital Landscape



Can bring **far reaching** awareness to IG issues through social media







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