

## Caribbean Telecommunications Union

# The CIGF @ 18

## What We've Done, Current Initiatives and Future Outlook

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# Presentation Outline

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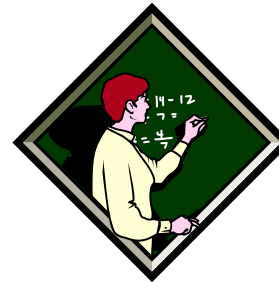
- Very Quick Review of CTU's Internet Governance Activities 2005 - 2022
- Current CIGF Initiatives
- Outlook for The Future

# 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)

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- 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
  - 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

- **18 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 plus current CaribIX project with French Caribbean territories - 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 – changing with COVID-driven thrusts to digital transformation
- 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

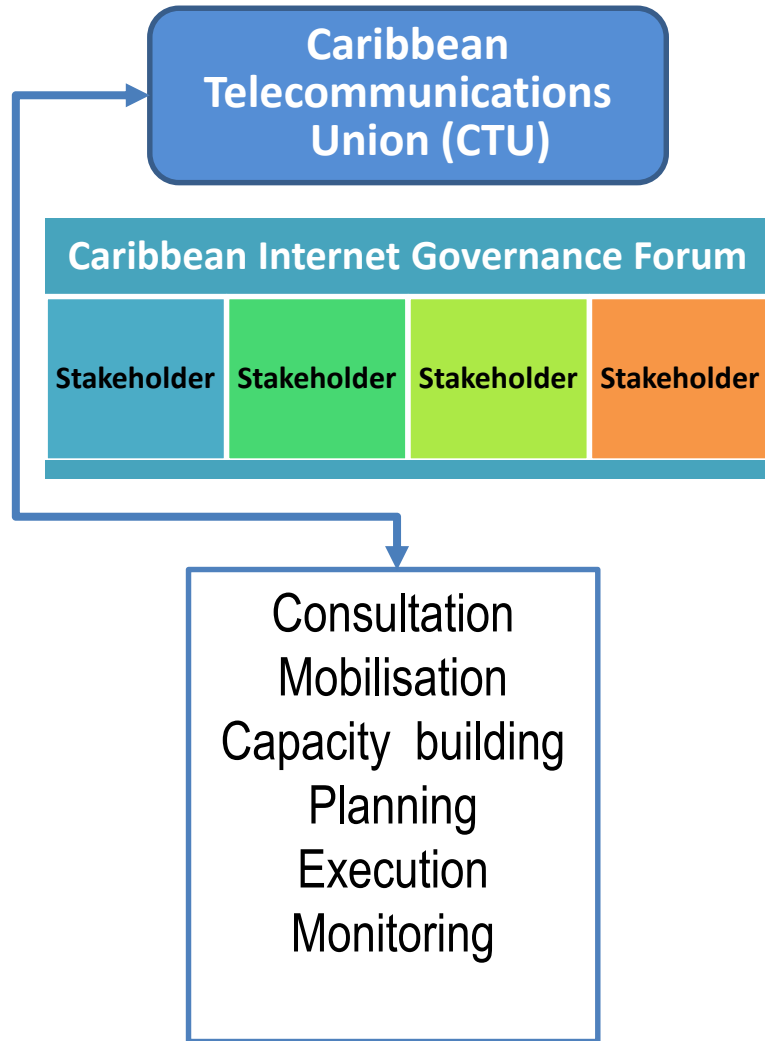


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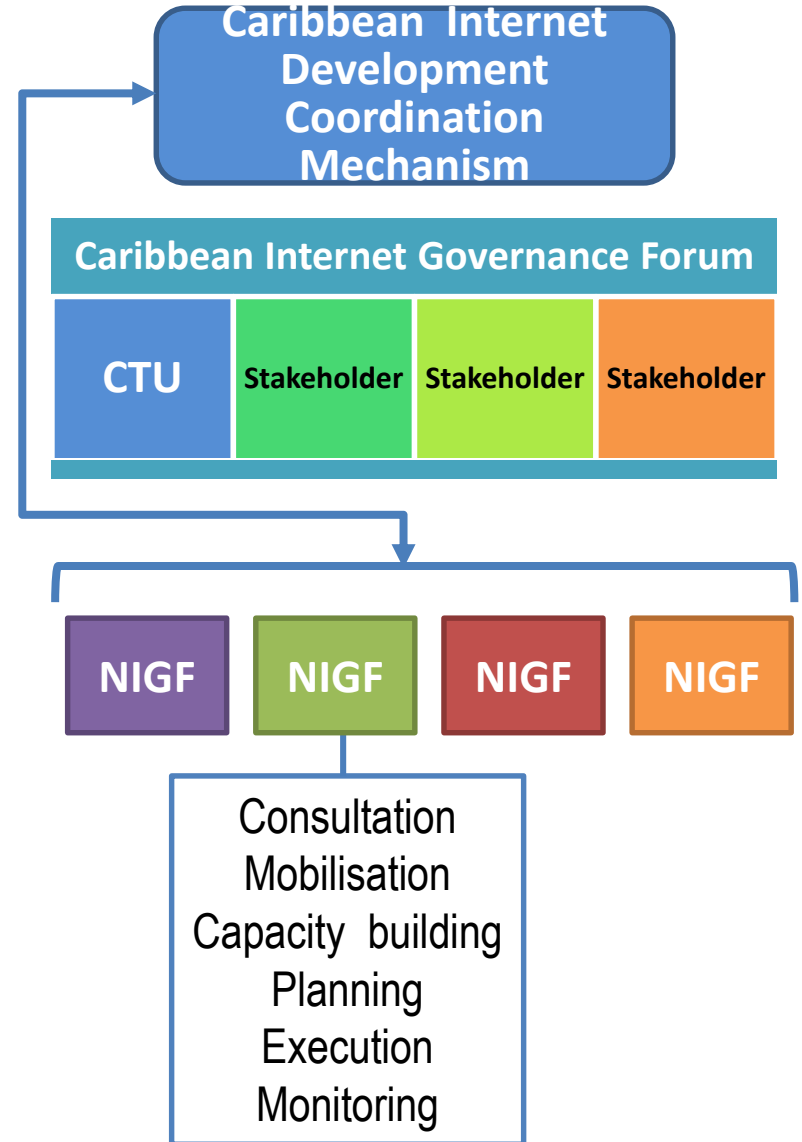
...to execute IG activities at national level.

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

# From



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# Caribbean IG 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. appropriate coordination mechanism(s)
- 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

# 18<sup>th</sup> CIGF & Related Objectives

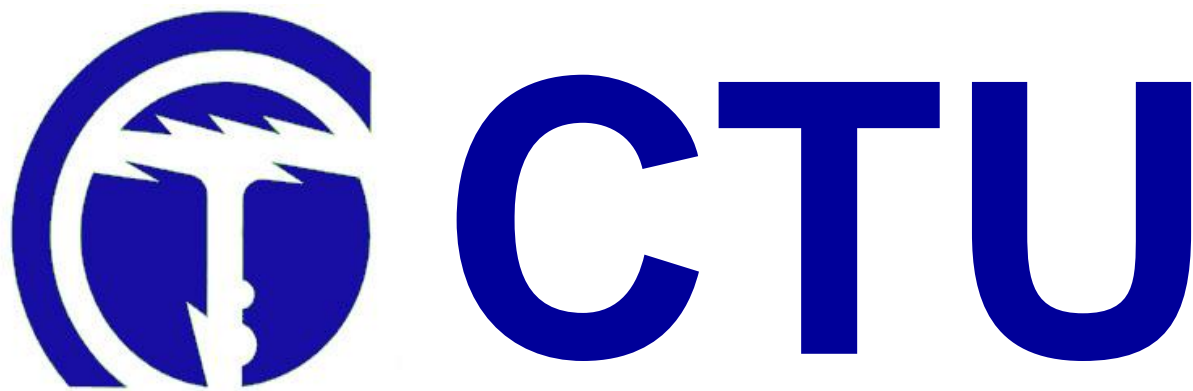
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- Discuss key current issues in IG
- Review current Caribbean IG policy priorities
- Special youth outreach – CYIGF & young Host
- Support inaugural SIDS IGF and foster mutually beneficial cooperation among SIDS
- Enhance growth of and liaisons with and among NIGFs in the region and with LACIGF

# What Can You Do?

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- 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 18<sup>th</sup> CIGF and its panels
- Submit comments/feedback to [CIGF@ctu.int](mailto:CIGF@ctu.int)



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