

**Caribbean Telecommunications Union**

# **The CIGF @ 19**

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

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# Presentation Outline

- Very Quick Review of CTU's Internet Governance Activities 2005-2023.
- 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: CTU 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
- Focused on:
  - harmonising IG policy regionally
  - addressing IG matters of priority to the Caribbean
- A pathway to influence policy-makers of the Government stakeholders in the Caribbean.
- More than just a preparatory meeting for the other IGFs.
- Enhancing synergies with global IGF and LACIGF e.g. promoting national multi-stakeholder mechanisms.

# Achievements from CTU's IG Activities

- Now **19 CIGFs**, **2 Caribbean Youth IGFs** and 4 Ministerial Briefing Sessions on IG.
- 3 Issues of Caribbean IG Policy Framework (2009, 2013, 2016).
- At least 23 Sessions on IG Technical and Policy Issues in 18 countries with ISOC, ARIN, ICANN, LACNIC, PCH, NIC.PR among others.
- Hosted 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 at least 3 NIGFs in the Caribbean to date.
- Guideline documents re IPv6 conversion and IXPs, Caribbean Cyber-security Framework.
- Signed MoUs establishing partnerships to further CIG agenda.

# CIGF Challenges

- Improving 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/organization 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

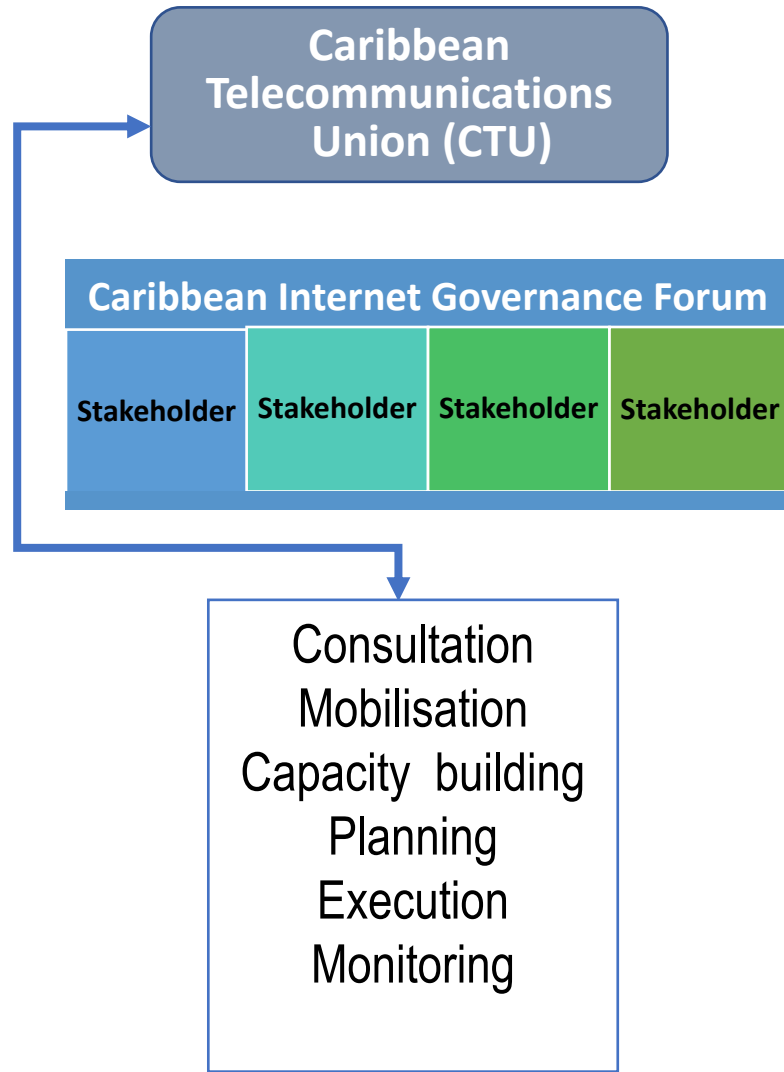


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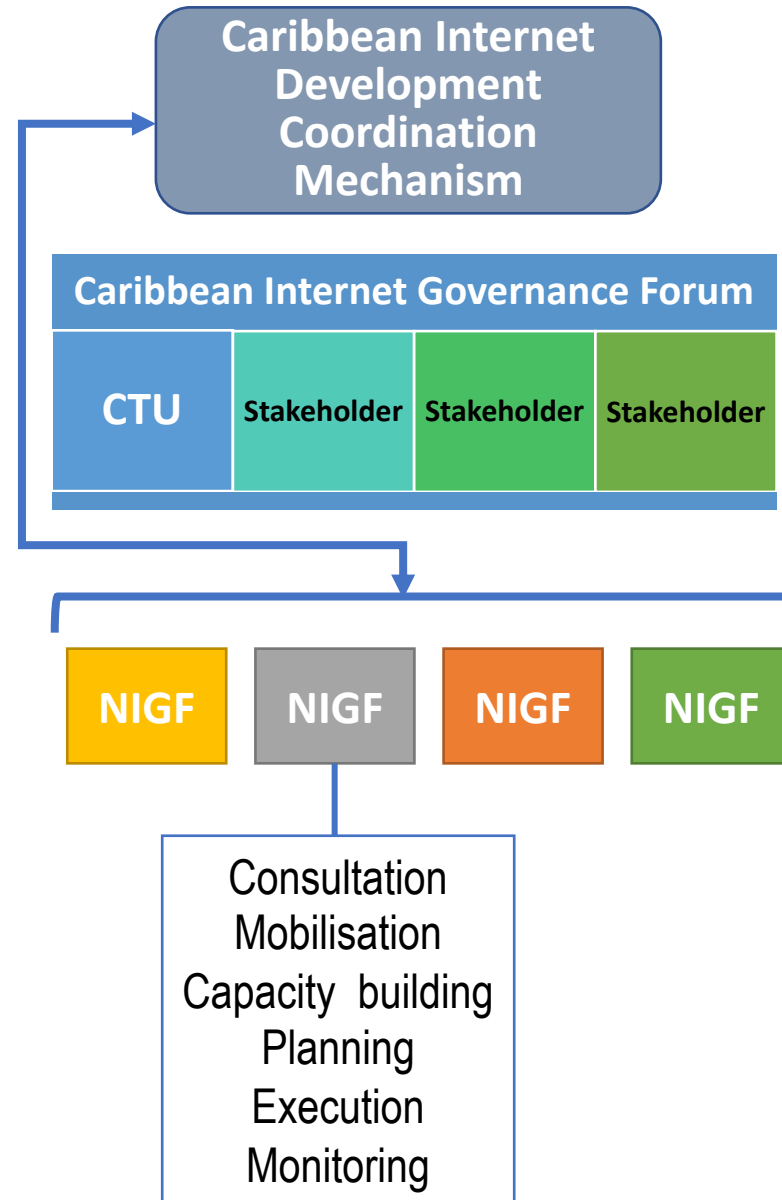
...to execute IG activities at national level.

- 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.

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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 multi-stakeholder arrangements for CIGF work e.g. appropriate coordination mechanism(s).
- Continue to enhance linkages with other IGFs.
- Continuously review and agree priority IG issues for the Caribbean going forward.
- Leverage online modes to enhance process of ongoing collaboration.

# 19th CIGF: Related Objectives

- Discuss key current and emerging issues in IG.
- Review current Caribbean IG policy priorities.
- Special youth outreach- CYIGF & youth Host.
- Approve release of Issue 4.0 of Caribbean IG Policy Framework
- Enhance growth of and liaisons with and among NIGFs in the region and with LACIGF.
- 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 <http://www.ctu.int> and on sites of the Internet organisations.
- Actively participate in this 19<sup>th</sup> CIGF and its panels.
- Submit comments/feedback to [CIGF@ctu.int](mailto:CIGF@ctu.int)



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