



THEME: Evolving Caribbean Internet Governance Priorities for Sustainable Digital Development

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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.

This year the 19th CIGF will return to in-person staging but will be complemented by remote participation 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 19th 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 feature the 2nd Caribbean Youth Internet Governance Forum (2nd CYIGF) and continue work to update the regionally harmonised policy framework for Internet governance.

OBJECTIVES

- Consider Internet governance policies and initiatives for priority attention to facilitate accelerated digital transformation
- Review and finalise Issue 4.0 of the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework documenting the regional vision, priorities and approaches for sustainably building and/or strengthening consensus and action on IG issues in the Caribbean
- Elicit the voices and develop the capacity of Caribbean youth in Internet governance by facilitating the 2nd Caribbean Youth Internet Governance Forum
- Build national and regional 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

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE AT A GLANCE

Time	Day 1 Capacity Building & CYIGF	Day 2 19 th CIGF	Day 3 19 th CIGF
AM	Welcome & Introduction to Internet Governance	Opening Ceremony	Hot Topics in IG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities, Risks and Challenges of Generative AI
	Capacity Building Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT Indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIGF @ 19 Reviewing CIGF Vision and Mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridging the Digital Divide – Accessibility and Inclusion
AM	Capacity Building Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity – International Cooperative Frameworks and National Imperatives • Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy Road Map 	National, Regional & Global IG Contexts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from National IGFs (T&T, SVG, Barbados et al) • Report from LACIGF UN IGF and support for National & Regional Initiatives (NRIs) 	Panels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence-based Policy-Making • Digital Transformation of the Public Sector
PM	Caribbean Youth IGF Session	Workshop Session: Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework Issue 4.0	Report and Synthesis from Workshop Sessions
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