Report on the

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

2023

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Statistics

- Registered Participants- Eventbrite - 374
- Zoom: - 234 attendance on Day 1 & 254 on Day 2
- TTIGF Youtube Live: 214 views on Day & 188 on Day 2
- 26 Speakers
- 5 Partners
- 4 Panel discussions

Opening of the TTIGF

- **Opening Remarks**:
- Tracy Hackshaw, Chair, Trinidad and Tobago Multistakeholder Advisory Group (TTMAG)

- **Introductory Keynote Addresses**:
- Paul Mitchell, Chair, United Nations Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group
- Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, Minister of Education, Ministry of Education

Panel Discussions

- **Internet Resilience: Implications for Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean**

- **Future-proofing ICT in Education**

- **Digital Government Society: Digital Acceptance, Transformation and Acceleration for T&T**

- **The A.R.T of Cybersecurity: Attacks, Risks, and Threats**

Other Sessions

- **LACNIC Panel Sum-up & Regional Cybersecurity Culture Insight**
- **Open Forum**

Internet Resilience: Implications for Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean

- **Moderator:** Kim I. Mallalieu (PhD), Senior Lecturer, UWI
- **Panelists:**
- – Kevin Chege, Director of Internet Development, Internet Society (ISOC)
- – Kurleigh Prescod, Executive Officer Technology & Engineering, Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT)
- – Brent McIntosh, Chief Technical Officer, McNet-Solutions
- – Patrick Hosein, Director, TTMAG
- – Rodney Taylor, Secretary General, Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)
- – Bevil Wooding, Caribbean Outreach, American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN)

Internet Resilience: Implications for Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean Summary

- challenges faced by Trinidad and Tobago in building a resilient internet ecosystem, including the need for improved infrastructure, cybersecurity, and digital literacy.

- the importance of collaboration between stakeholders, including the government, private sector, and civil society, in addressing these challenges.

- the need for greater awareness and education on cybersecurity issues, as well as the importance of developing policies and regulations that promote a safe and secure internet environment.

Future-Proofing ICT in Education

- **Moderator**: Jacqueline Morris, Director, TTMAG
- **Panelists**:
- – Dr. Peter Smith, Chief Education Officer, Ministry of Education
- – Keith Laban, ICT Educator, Ministry of Education
- – Pt. Shiva Maharaj, Educational Technologist & Founder, Director Chief Operations Officer, I.C.T. Expertz Ltd.
- – Dev Gosine, Chair-Elect, TTMAG & Founder, WeXL.Online
- – Dr. Andrea Kanneh, Manager – Performance and Engagement Digital Skills Unit, Ministry of Digital Transformation
- – Dr. Keith Nurse, President, College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT)

Future-Proofing ICT in Education Summary

- the importance of integrating information and communication technology (ICT) into education and the challenges that need to be addressed to achieve this goal.

- the need to provide teachers with the necessary training and support to effectively use ICT in the classroom

- the importance of ensuring that students have access to the necessary technology and infrastructure.

- the role of educational technology in promoting ICT in education and the need for a holistic approach that takes into account the needs of all stakeholders.

- the importance of innovation and creativity in developing new solutions to address the challenges faced by educators.

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Digital Government & Society: Digital Acceptance, Transformation and Acceleration for T&T

- **Moderator**: Ken Sooknanan, Director, TTMAG

- **Panelists**:

- – Wendell Mitchell, National Chief Digital Officer, Ministry of Digital Transformation

- – Lequanne Collins-Bacchus, Senior Advisor, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

- – Ravi Sankar – Partner, Head of Cyber and Technology Consulting, KPMG Caricom

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Digital Government & Society: Digital Acceptance, Transformation and Acceleration for T&T Summary

- the digital transformation journey of Trinidad and Tobago and how it can be accelerated.

- the need for digital infrastructure, including internet connectivity, as a basic utility and an absolute necessity.

- the importance of considering the needs of all citizens, including the poor and less fortunate, in the digital transformation process.

- the government should focus on creating a digital ecosystem that is inclusive, secure, and accessible to all.

- importance of digital literacy and education to ensure that citizens are prepared for the digital transformation.

- collaboration between the government, private sector, and civil society to accelerate the digital transformation journey of Trinidad and Tobago.

The A.R.T of Cybersecurity: Attacks, Risks, and Threats

- **Moderator:** Ajmal Nazir, Director, TTMAG

- **Panelists:**

- – Vince Stewart, Director, CyberEye Caribbean

- – Ricardo Martinez, Chief Revenue Officer, DigitalEra Group

- – Anthony Peyson, President, International Information System Security Certification Consortium's Caribbean Chapter ((ICS)2 Caribbean Chapter)

- – Emmanuel A. Oscar, Caribbean Systems Engineering Manager, Fortinet

The A.R.T of Cybersecurity: Attacks, Risks, and Threats Summary

- The importance of having a multi-layered approach to cybersecurity that includes network security, endpoint security, and cloud security.

- The importance of having a security operations center (SOC) to monitor and respond to cyber threats.

- the need for organizations to have updated operating systems, updated anti-virus software, workforce education and awareness, passwords, and updates.

- the importance of cybersecurity certifications and training for professionals in the field and the need for organizations to have a culture of cybersecurity

- the importance of having an incident response plan and being able to react quickly in case of a cyberattack.

- public relations should be part of an incident response plan

- the need for organizations to have a comprehensive cybersecurity strategy that includes risk assessments, vulnerability assessments, and penetration testing.

Open Forum Discussion Summary

- the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago Framework on Net Neutrality, including some of the key statements relating to traffic management definition and principles and notifications

- the need for digital infrastructure, including internet connectivity, as a basic utility and an absolute necessity

- the importance of considering the needs of all citizens, including the poor and less fortunate, in the digital transformation process