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EFFECTIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORKS FOR BUILDING THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

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BARBADOS LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMPETITION

DATA PROTECTION

CYBERSECURITY

TRADE

COMPETITION LAW

NATIONAL STANDARDS

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

FINANCE

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMPETITION GAPS

QUALITY ASSURANCE

As a quality assurance and control

DATA SECURITY CHALLENGES

Potential for fraud and privacy violation

REQUIRES SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT

Smaller providers cannot afford

LACK OF CYBER LAWS

HIGHER RISKS TO CONSUMERS

Lack of competition increases risk of monopoly

LACK OF EXPERTISE AMONG CONSUMER

RECOMMENDATIONS

INTEGRITY AND FAIRNESS OF DIGITAL MARKETS

Effective Consumer laws build trust

REQUIREMENT FOR FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES

PRODUCT SAFETY

Consumers require accurate and relevant information to assess product.

PROVISION OF PROTECTION FRAMEWORKS

Designed with the help and input of experts in the field

PROVISION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISMS



DATA PROTECTION CURRENT STATUS

The passage of Barbados Data Protection Act 2019 has resulted in the core principles of Data Protection being encompassed in the legislative framework. Further, a Data Protection Commissioner has been appointed as the regulatory authority for Data Protection.

DATA PROTECTION GAPS



SKILLED PERSONNEL

Lack of requisite skilled personnel

REGISTRATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Lack of a registration process and procedures for data controllers and processors



TRAINING AND SENSITIZATION

Lack of training and sensitization on rights and obligations

PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR DATA TRANSFER FLOWS

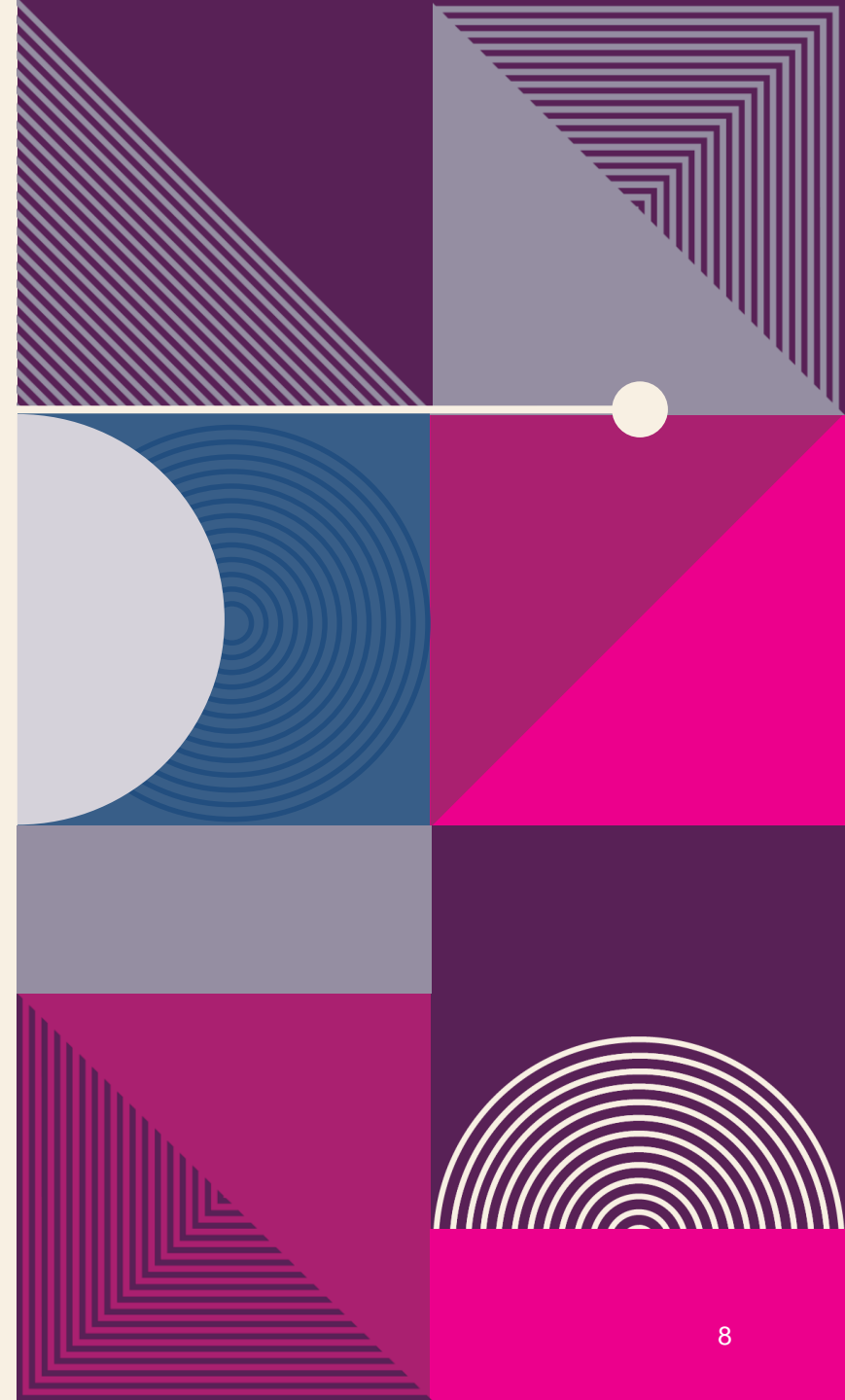
RECOMMENDATIONS

**THE COMMISSION
ACQUIRING THE REQUISITE
SKILLED PERSONNEL**

**THE REGISTRATION
PROCESS AND
PROCEDURE BEING
DEVELOPED FOR
DATA CONTROLLERS/DATA
PROCESSORS**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF AN
EDUCATION AND
SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGN
TO STAKEHOLDER GROUPS
AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**DEVELOPMENT OF A
PROCESS AND PROCEDURE
FOR CROSS-BORDER DATA
FLOWS**





CYBERSECURITY STATUS

There is a Cyber Security Strategy Paper before the Barbados Cabinet which speaks to eventual legislation.

- A National Cybersecurity Working Group (Private & Public Sector officers) which meets occasionally is in place, and provide advice on Cyber Security matters.
- A department has been setup at MIST; but it has not been staffed.
- Appropriate Budget is in place to cover cost

CYBERSECURITY GAPS

LACK OF SECURITY STANDARDS

LACK OF LEGISLATION AND POLICIES ACROSS MDAS

THERE IS NO COMMON CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK OR POLICY IN PLACE

IT STAFF AT BOTH MIST AND MDA LEVEL DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PRIVACY SKILLSETS

RECOMMENDATIONS

UPSCALE THE CYBER SECURITY TALENT/SKILLS OF PUBLIC SERVICE ICT STAFF

CLEAR POLICIES MUST BE PROVIDED BY MIST TO ALL MDAS.

CABINET MUST PRIORITIZE THE REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY STRATEGY

LEGAL/ BUSINESS/ICT BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR MUST COME TOGETHER TO ARTICULATE THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK ARCHITECTURE.





FINANCIAL LEGISLATIVE STATUS

There is an enabling Legislative Framework in place.

CYBERSECURITY GAPS

**STAFFING –
QUANTITY & SKILLSET
ACROSS MDAS**

**INADEQUATE
REGULATION BY THE
REGULATORS
RESPONSIBLE**

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
COMMITTEE UNABLE
TO CONVENE DUE TO
CURRENT STATE AND
DATED LEGISLATION,
WHICH APPEARS NOT
TO BE A PRIORITY.**

**INNOVATIONS IN
FINANCE OFTEN DOES
NOT ORIGINATE IN THE
PUBLIC SERVICE,
SOMETIMES LITTLE
INTEREST IS SHOWN
BY PRACTITIONERS.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO:

TO REVIEW CURRENT LEGISLATION WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINATION OF INCLUSION WHERE NECESSARY TO EMBRACE A DIGITAL ECONOMY.

DOCUMENT A ROADMAP WITH TIMELINES

CLEAR POLICIES MUST BE PROVIDED BY MIST TO ALL MDAS.

COMMUNICATE INTENT TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS, REVIEW FEEDBACK

DESIGN AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

STATUS

Legislative Acts are all dated;

- Legislation and Regulations amended in a piecemeal fashion;
- Harmonization lacking across CARICOM;
- Out of step with International 'Best Practice'; and
- The estimated costs for full reform is prohibitive.

CYBERSECURITY GAPS

LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS LAGGING BEHIND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS;

LACK OF FULL ENGAGEMENTS WITH CITIZENS AND STAKEHOLDERS IMPEDES SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS

LEGISLATION & REGULATIONS AMENDED OR PROCLAIMED PRIOR TO TECHNOLOGY CHOSEN REQUIRES AMENDMENTS AND CAUSES DELAYS IN DEPLOYMENT;

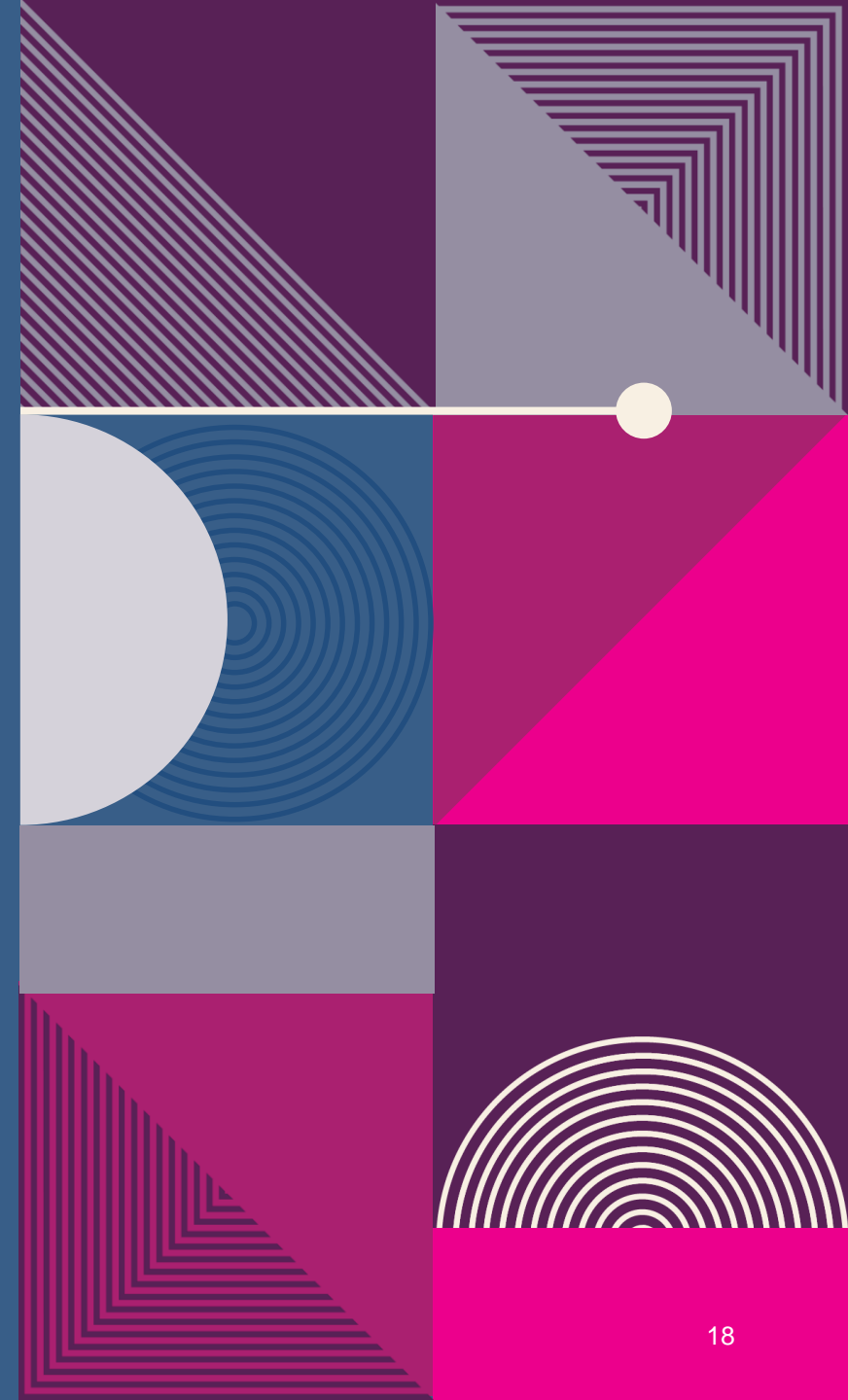
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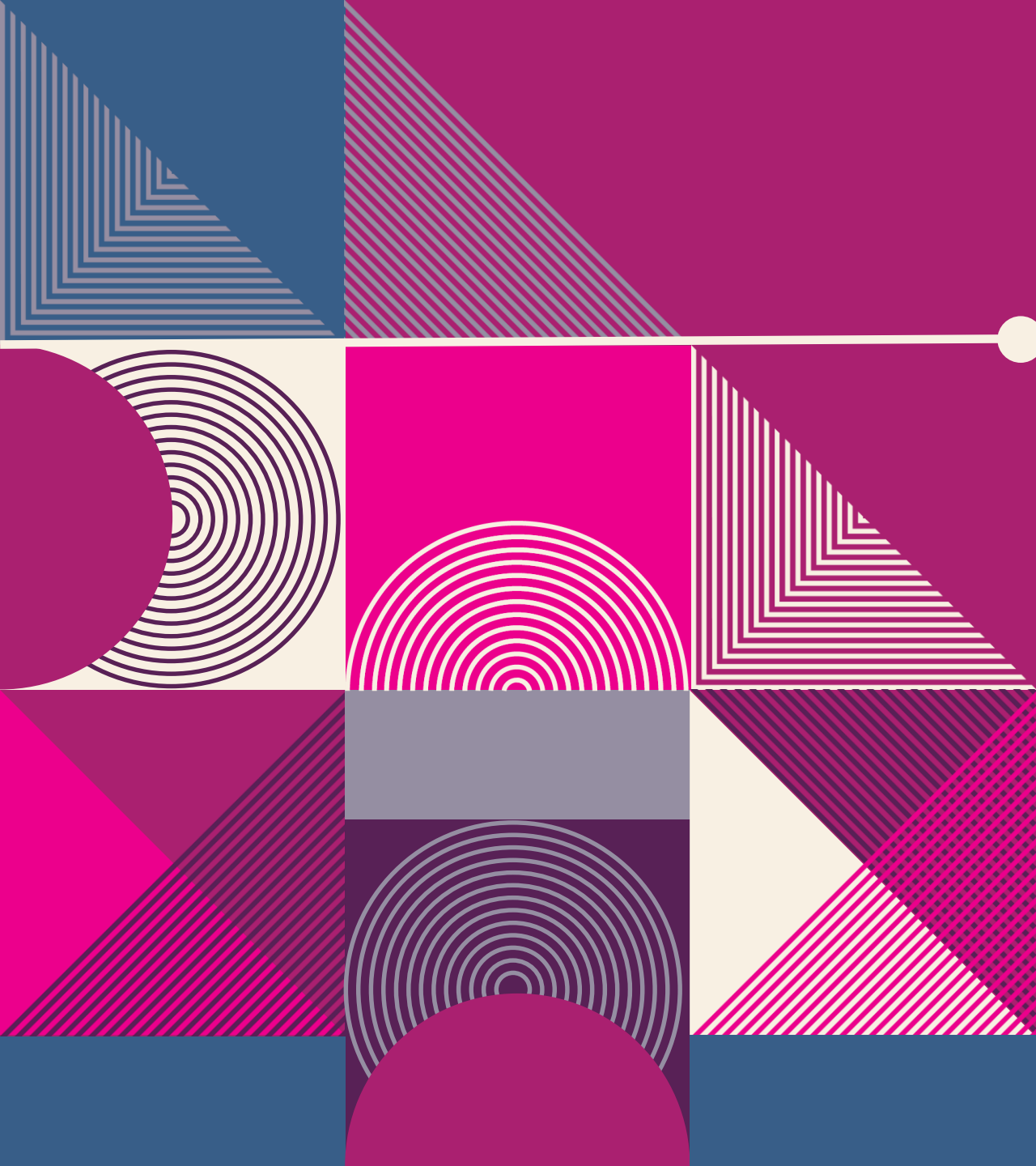
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**RESEARCH AND ENGAGE
INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES
FOR 'BEST PRACTICES' AND
SEEK TO ADOPT WITH
CHANGES TO MATCH
CARICOM'S CULTURE,
ECONOMICS AND
REQUIREMENTS**

AND OTHERS





THANK YOU