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**Internet Governance
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Caribbean Telecommunications Union

Advancing The Caribbean Internet Governance Agenda

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WGIG Working Definition

- Internet governance is the development and application by governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.

Mission for Caribbean Internet Governance

- To develop and maintain the appropriate regional, multi-stakeholder frameworks, mechanisms, policies and procedures to enable:
 - universal, open, equitable, affordable and flexible access by Caribbean citizens to high capacity national and regional information infrastructure linked to global information resources
 - ample supply and capacity for creation, collation and distribution of Caribbean content and technologies.

Overview of CTU's Caribbean IG Activities

- **Jan 2005** - CARICOM Secretariat requests CTU to address IG in the Caribbean on their behalf
- **Sep 2005 – Aug 2010:**
 - 6 Caribbean IG Fora
 - Established on-line IGF www.ctu.int
 - 4 Ministerial Briefings Sessions on CIG
 - Signed MoUs establishing partnerships to further CIG Agenda
 - 3 Workshops on IG Technical and Policy Issues with ISOC, ARIN, ICANN, LACNIC, NIC.PR /Gauss Research Foundation

Status of Caribbean IG Activities

- 2008 Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework
 - Recommends 5 strategic areas urgent Internet governance policy development for the Caribbean.
 1. Physical Infrastructure
 2. Logical Infrastructure
 3. Content
 4. Public Awareness, Capacity Building
 5. Research

1. Physical Infrastructure

- Educating on and Advocating IPv6 Adoption
 - **July 2009 to present:**
 - 12 IXP workshops/sessions have been conducted in 9 Caribbean countries
 - ICT Ministers and regulators committed to IXP establishment of IXPs in their countries.
 - Work in progress on the establishment of an IXP in 4 countries. First IXP in the English speaking Caribbean will be commissioned in the third quarter of 2010.
 - Supporting CTU member states in establishing IP government communication networks



2. Logical Infrastructure

- Promoting the proliferation of Internet Exchange Points (IXP)
 - 4 IPv6 Workshops
 - IPv6 Handbook
 - 2 Ministerial Sessions on IPv6
 - 2 CTU Members have established working groups to address IPv6 Adoption.

3. Internet Content

- 2009 Caribbean Edutainment Project
 - A collaborative effort with the Ministry of Public Administration in Trinidad and Tobago
 - Designed to establish a sustainable Caribbean content creation industry.



4. Public Awareness and Education

- CIGF
- Caribbean ICT Roadshow
- Workshops, Seminars, Ministerial Briefings
- Publications

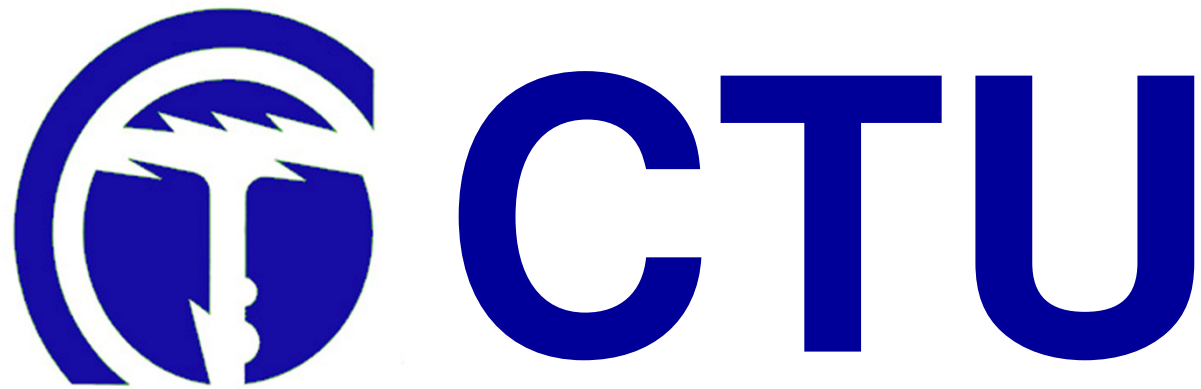


5. Research

- Partnerships
 - Gauss Research Foundation
 - International Development Research Foundation

Observations

- Caribbean Governments recognise that competitive advantage must be built on the basis of knowledge and information rather than traditional activities
- There is a fundamental lack of awareness of the importance and significance of Internet Governance at every level
- Breaking down the issues in and demonstrating the significance has been very effective in promoting action at the government level



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