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Status of the CTU's Activities in Spectrum Management

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History

- Caribbean Spectrum Management Policy Reform Project 2006 – 2009
 - First comprehensive regional initiative to address harmonised approaches to spectrum management
 - Financed by European Union, Canadian and ITU donor funding and the CTU

Achievements 2006 - 2009

- Established Caribbean Spectrum Management Steering Committee and Task Force
- Delivered face-to-face and online programmes in national spectrum management and spectrum pricing
- Convened multiple consensus and capacity building workshops of the SMTF and stakeholders

Achievements 2006 / 09 (Cont'd)

- Produced reports with recommendations from field audits of spectrum management practices and operations in 7 countries
- Produced the Caribbean Spectrum Management Policy Framework which was approved by GC10 for presentation to member states
- Preliminary Caribbean Indicative Spectrum Allocation Table
- Promoted national adoption of the SM policy framework

Current Status

- Progress delayed by lack of funds
- Seizing training opportunities when available (e.g. ITU sponsored training in digital broadcasting / switchover in Dec 2010)
- Member states participating in regional and international fora as able (CITEL PCC-II, ITU)

Future Goals 2012 - 2016

- Reconvene SMSC and SMTF permanently
- Interference mitigation & resolution framework
- Updated spectrum management policy framework with:
 - harmonised approaches to digital switchover / dividend
 - harmonised policy for disaster communications
- Completed Caribbean Indicative Table of Spectrum Allocations
- Automated Caribbean SM database
- Regional spectrum pricing policy framework
- A Caribbean amateur radio certification regime
- Further development of regional expertise

Current / Next Steps

- Project proposal formulated for 2012 – 2016 to incorporate the future goals
- Seeking funding from relevant prospective sources for major components or entire project
 - Met in Nov 2011 in POS with ITU's Director – Radiocommunication Bureau
- Proceeding pragmatically as resources allow (human and financial)



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