

The Port of Spain Declaration on Collaboration For Caribbean ICT Development: Friday 19th February 2016.

Theme: Conquering the Resource Constraints
and Enhancing Effectiveness through
Collaboration



Caribbean
Telecommunications
Union

Characteristics of Collaborating



In Attendance

1. Caribbean ICT Policymakers
2. Regional and International ICT Organisations
3. Development Agencies
4. Academia



Value of Collaboration: Practical Exercises

Role of diverse stakeholders

Value of different perspectives

Importance of sharing information



Demonstrated Benefits

Facilitates development of Plans

Pooling of limited financial resources

Pooling of limited human resources

Develop Leadership skills



Hurdles

Egos and Turf

Fear of losing control

Different cultures

Lack of trust or history of antagonism among the parties

Competition for resources



Hurdles

Power imbalances

No perceived reward for collaboration

Lack of time

Different goals among the parties

Silo mentality

No reciprocal exchanges



The Port of Spain Declaration on Collaboration for Caribbean Development

Agreed a Common Vision to:

1. Collaborate among ourselves
2. Develop a common understanding of the mechanisms of collaboration
3. Promote the practice of collaboration among our governments and all stakeholders



Institutional Arrangements for Collaboration

1. CTU to host an Annual ICT Collaboration Forum
2. CTU to establish an electronic communication portal
3. Signatories to the Declaration are entitled to be members of the Standing ICT Collaboration Committee



Terms of Reference

Pursue Collaboration

Provide Guidance

Give Policy Direction

Establish Working Groups

Make Proposals

Information Gathering

Meet Quarterly

