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Dear Internet Governance Stakeholder,



13th Caribbean Internet Governance Forum

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) cordially invites you to the 13th Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (CIGF), which will take place from the **21st to 23rd August, 2017**, at the Government's Training Division, Bettito Frett Building, Wickham's Cay 1 in Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

The CIGF is historic in that it was the first regional Internet Governance Forum in the world to be established as a result of the work of the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS) Geneva 2003 - Tunis 2005. The CIGF is a regional, multi-stakeholder forum initiated by the CTU and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat in 2005 to coordinate a regional approach to Internet Governance for the WSIS. The forum has since met annually and the primary products of its work have been the formulation of a Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework, the proliferation of Internet exchange points and capacity building in IG Principles across the Caribbean. The forum is designed to be informal, inclusive and non-hierarchical, being open to Government policy makers, regulators, public and private sector organisations, telecommunications operators, Internet service providers, academic institutions, Internet stakeholders and civil society Internet users.

The 13th CIGF will assess the status and effectiveness of the new thrust, being pursued since 2014, to enhance Internet governance expertise and capacity at the national level in the Caribbean. The new thrust will accelerate the development of national multi-stakeholder structures to facilitate in-country implementation of regionally derived/harmonised activities. The 13th CIGF will also provide a regional platform to highlight and address current IG issues of Caribbean and global prominence, towards building consensus on appropriate Caribbean methodologies and formulating action plans for advancing Caribbean interests.

You may view the Overview and Agenda for the 13th CIGF and register for the event online at <http://www.ctu.int/events/13th-caribbean-internet-governance-forum>. Progressive updates of the provisional agenda will also be posted there in the lead-up to the event. Should you require additional information, kindly contact the CTU's Administration Manager, Ms. Brenda Julien, at Brenda.Julien@ctu.int or at 1 868 628 0281 ext 221.

We look forward to welcoming you or a representative to this important forum.

Sincerely,

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