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Caribbean Topics in Internet Governance

Community Networks



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Agenda

- ISOC
- Access
- Community Networks
- Questions



About the Internet Society



Community networks / ISOC's involvement



What are community networks? ISOC's involvement!

- **Community network:** *“is the use of wireless **networking** technologies by, and for, a local **community**”.*

Internet Governance topics versus *community networks*

- Infrastructure;
- Legal;
- Economic;
- Development;
- Sociocultural;
- *Human rights;*
- *Security.*

Access: key challenge the last mile or local loop!



Connectivity technologies

- **Wired**

- *DSL*
- *Cable TV networks*
- *Fibre*
- *Internet over powerlines*

- **Wireless**

- *Satellite*
- *Wi-Fi (WLANs)*
- *WiMAX (long distance)*
- *Mobile broadband(3/4G, 5G)*



Community networks: objectives

- *Caribbean Chapters*
- *Specific Caribbean countries (Haiti, Guyana, Suriname, Dominican Republic and ??)*
- *Final Objective: contribute to a local Internet Economy development*

Thank you.

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