

Caribbean Telecommunications Union

The CIGF @ 14

Context, Status and Future

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Presentation Outline

- Quick Review of CTU's Internet governance activities 2005 - 2017
- Current Status of CIGF and its Work
- Outlook for The Future

History of the CTU in IG

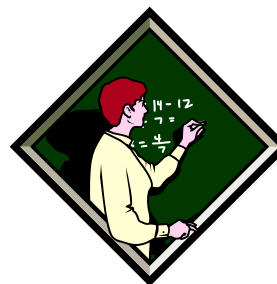
- Established in 1989 by Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to be the inter-governmental telecommunications policy instrument for the Caribbean
- 2003: Defined a new strategic direction to address issues of information and communications technologies (ICT)
- 2004: Expanded Membership to include Private sector and civil society organisations
- 2005: Requested to address IG issues in the context of the Caribbean's input to WSIS

CTU Core Activities



1. **ICT Harmonised Policy Formulation**

2. **Capacity Development**



3. **Regional ICT Project Coordination**



4. **Caribbean Representation**



5. **Industry Watch**



CTU's Goals for IG (since 2005)

- Identify & focus on Caribbean priority issues
- Regional policy formulation and harmonisation
- Promotion/Acceleration of Internet development and use in the region
 - Project development
 - Capacity building

CIGF Status: The CIGF is...

- A non-hierarchical multi-stakeholder forum that is convened by the CTU
- Focussed on harmonising IG policy regionally
- Focussed on addressing IG matters of priority to the Caribbean
- A pathway to influence policy-makers of the Government stakeholder in the Caribbean
- More than just a preparatory meeting for other IGFs
- Enhancing synergies with global IGF and LACIGF e.g. promoting national multi-stakeholder mechanisms

Achievements from CTU's IG Activities

- **14 Caribbean IG Fora** and multiple Ministerial Briefing Sessions on IG
- Produced the Caribbean IG Policy Framework (2009, 2013, 2016),
- Workshops on IG Technical and Policy Issues with ISOC, ARIN, ICANN, LACNIC, PCH, NIC.PR among others
- Contributed to Global IGF proceedings
- Multiple IXPs and 3 NIGFs to date
- Guideline documents re IPv6 conversion and IXPs, Caribbean Cyber-security Framework
- Signed MoUs establishing partnerships to further CIG Agenda

Focusing on the Caribbean IG Policy Framework (CIGPF v3.0)

Strategic Priority Areas (w/policy recommendations)

Infrastructure for Broadband Connectivity	Access, connectivity, QOS, regulation
Internet Technical Infrastructure	Addressing, domain management, critical Internet infrastructure , technical standards
Legal Frameworks / Enforcement	National & regional structures for protecting users' safety, rights, property
Internet Content	Information management , local content
Public Awareness / Capacity Building	ICT4D, local and regional expertise development
Research	Measurement and status reporting

Current Approach for

- Foster and utilise local communities of interest ...
 - ISOC Chapters
 - National IGFs
 - Task Forces
 - Advocacy groups
 - ITM4D
 - Computer Societies

Current Approach for

...to execute IG activities at national level.

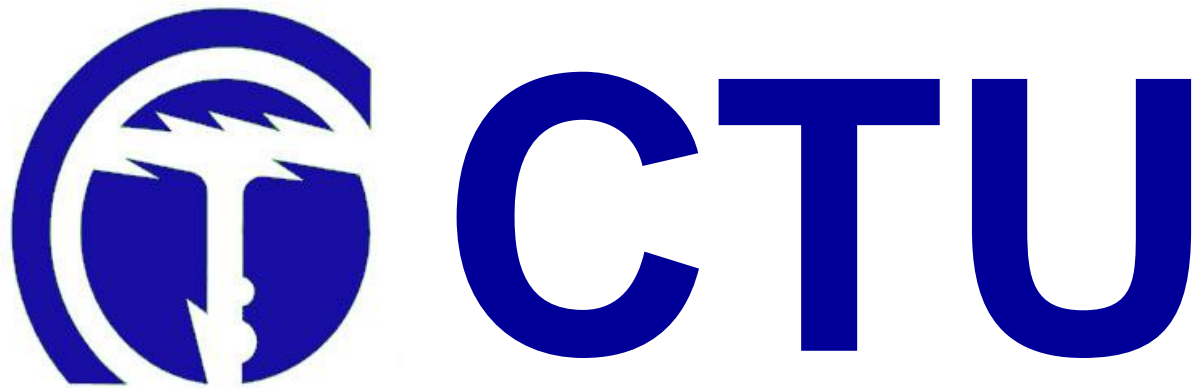
- Progressive awareness and education campaigns for different audiences
- Advocacy for regional consensus policies
- CIRTs/CSIRTs
- ccTLD strengthening/development
- Implementating projects e.g. re IPv6, DNSSEC, Spam Control etc.

CIGF Outlook for the Future

- Continue thrust towards national IGFs & communities
- Work with Caribbean stakeholders to promote implementation of IG policy recommendations at national and regional levels
- Work to achieve sustainable multistakeholder arrangements for CIGF work e.g. CIDF
- Enhance linkages with other IGFs
- Continuously review and agree priority IG issues for the Caribbean going forward
- Enhance process of ongoing collaboration to leverage online modes where possible

What Can You Do?

- Get involved and make your voice heard:
 - **ALL** stakeholder views are invited and welcome
- Follow Internet Governance content and fora on CTU web site at <http://www.ctu.int> and on sites of the Internet organisations
- Actively participate in this 14th CIGF and its workshops
- Submit comments/feedback to CIGF@ctu.int



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