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Dear Internet Governance Stakeholder,

14th Caribbean Internet Governance Forum

On behalf of the Internet stakeholders of the region, the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) cordially invites you to the 14th Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (CIGF), which will take place from the **21st to 23rd May 2018**, at the Torarica Hotel and Casino in Paramaribo, Suriname.

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. 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 on the Information Society (WSIS) - Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005. The forum has since met annually and the primary products of its work have been the formulation and implementation of a Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework.

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 users.

The 14th CIGF will provide a regional platform to highlight and address current Internet governance issues of Caribbean and global prominence, such as data protection/privacy, social media and network/service resiliency, towards building consensus on appropriate Caribbean approaches and formulating action plans for advancing Caribbean interests.

The Overview and Agenda for the 14th CIGF, registration and other practical information for participants may be viewed online at <http://www.ctu.int/events/14th-caribbean-internet-governance-forum-suriname/>. 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 Promotions and Publications Specialist, Ms. Sonja Johnson, at Sonja.Johnson@ctu.int or at 1 868 628 0281 ext 239.

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

Sincerely,

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SECRETARY GENERAL