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### BACKGROUND

Internet Governance (IG) and the related policy issues have been receiving significant attention in the Caribbean region over the past three years as stimulated by:

- the proceedings, outcome documents, goals and institutions of the United Nations' World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Geneva 2003 – Tunis 2005 and various regional associated events
- a mandate from Caribbean Community (CARICOM) ministers with responsibility for information and communications technology (ICT) for a regionally coordinated development approach
- the CARICOM Secretariat's enlistment of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) to address the issue of Internet Governance for the region.

The CTU, in collaboration with CARICOM, has now staged three sessions of its multi-stakeholder Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (CIGF) as follows:

- 1st CIGF (Georgetown, Guyana) 5 – 6 Sept, 2005
- 2nd CIGF (Pt. Salines, Grenada) 1 - 3 Nov, 2006
- Held jointly with the Caribbean Internet Forum (CIF), another regional Internet development group
- 3rd CIGF and Technical College (Willemstad, Curacao) 16 – 17 Aug 2007

These fora have identified IG issues of relevance to the Caribbean, initiated consensus building on Caribbean positions for participation in the WSIS and the global Internet Governance Forum and for implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action. Major achievements to date include:

- establishment of the CTU's on-line forum for discussion of regional IG issues and facilitating collaboration and consensus building (the reports of the CTU's three meetings of the CIGF are among the documents available on this on-line forum <http://ctu.int/InternetGovernance>);
- formulation of a draft Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework (also posted on the on-line forum) identifying priority areas for policy actions to spur development and use of regional Internet infrastructure;
- enhancement of the relationship between Caribbean Internet policy-makers / practitioners and the international and regional Internet administrative institutions i.e. Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) and the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Registry (LACNIC) through their participation, facilitation of regional workshops and communications and the signing of a CTU / ARIN / LACNIC memorandum of cooperation;
- greater public awareness of the Internet and Internet related issues.



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### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Date	23 – 24 July 2008
Venue	Breezes Resort, Curacao, Netherland Antilles

#### OBJECTIVES

- To review and update developments since CIGF 2007
- To complete Issue 1.0 of the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework
- To present models for IPv4 to IPv6 migration
- To discuss guidelines and best practices for justifying, optimizing, securing and expediting growth of national and regional Internet infrastructure and traffic
- To identify, update and review the status of Local Content initiatives
- To identify prioritized actions, primeships and indicative schedules for accelerating development of the information society in the .

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

- Government Officials
- ICT Regulators
- Internet, Content, Media & Telecommunications Service Providers
- Academic Fraternity
- Leading Business, Finance & Legal practitioners
- Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- End Users including Consumer Groups



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### APPROACH

This 4th CIGF reconvenes the multi-stakeholder forum for the objectives stated above and takes place in conjunction with LACNIC's first Caribbean sector meeting, which immediately precedes on July 21 and 22, 2008.

Participants will be expected to participate in the online Internet Governance Forum at <http://www.ctu.int/InternetGovernance/> and review the following relevant background materials in advance of the 2008 CIGF:

- The Draft Internet Governance Policy Framework
- Report of the 3rd Internet Governance Forum, Curacao 2007.

The CIGF itself will include presentations and specialized workshops focused on specific Forum objectives and stakeholder groups, facilitated by experts and regional practitioners in the field.

PLENARY	
	<b>Regulators, Government, Business and Consumers</b> Completing Internet Governance Framework – Issue 1.0
WORKING GROUP 1 : Local Content Issues	
	Stimulate Internet uptake through Effective Use News, Entertainment, Government, Culture, Education Content
WORKING GROUP 2 : Internet Service Issues	
	IPv6 Implementation Urgency IXP Proposals (Internet Exchange points (IXPs) and mobilizing stakeholders towards establishment of national and regional IXPs) E-Business in Small Markets
WORKING GROUP 3 : Regulatory Issues	
	Completion of Internet Governance Framework – Issue 1.0 Addressing Affordability and Accessibility Supporting Legislation, Enabling Environment



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### AGENDA: DAY 1: 23 JULY 2008

Time	Activity	Speaker/Presenter
<b>SESSION 1: Caribbean Internet Governance Forum</b>		
8:00	Registration	
9:00	Welcome and Introductions	Session Chair: Selby Wilson
9:05	Opening Remarks	Bernadette Lewis, Secretary-General, CTU
9:15	Welcome Address	Joao De Canha Director, Bureau Telecommunication & Post
9:25	Keynote Address: Challenges and Initiatives for Developing the Information Society in the Netherlands Antilles and Implications	Maurice Adriaens Minister with Responsibility for ICT
9:45	REFRESHMENTS BREAK	
<b>SESSION 2: Internet Governance Developments</b>		
10:00	Caribbean Outreach: Impact and Benefits of the CTU / ARIN / LACNIC Declaration of Cooperation	Bernadette Lewis, CTU Raymond Plzak, ARIN Raul Echeberria, LACNIC
11:00	ICANN Update and Initiatives	Pablo Hinojosa, ICANN Shernon Osepa ICANN
11:30	Status Report On IG Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft Policy Framework</li><li>• ARIN &amp; LACNIC</li><li>• Ministerial Briefing Seminar</li><li>• Regional IG Action Items</li><li>• CARICOM ICT Steering Committee</li><li>• Internet Forum</li></ul>	Nigel Cassimire Telecommunications Specialist, CTU
12:00	LUNCH BREAK	





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Time	Activity	Speaker/Presenter
<b>SESSION 3: Internet Governance Frameworks</b>		
1:00	A Commentary on the draft Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework	Frederic Donck Director – Public Policy, ISOC
1:20	Completing Issue 1.0 of the Internet Governance Policy Framework Presentation of Issue 0.1	Facilitator: Nigel Cassimire
1:40	Group Work : Document review and refinement	Open
2:15	REFRESHMENTS BREAK (15 mins)	

2:30	WORKING GROUP SESSIONS	Location
1	<b>Local Content Issues</b> Promoting and Enhancing	Rm 1
2	<b>Internet Service Issues</b> Defining IPv6 Transition Framework, National and Regional IXPs	Rm 2
3	<b>Regulatory Issues</b> Drafting of CIGPF Issue 1.0 Addressing Affordability and Accessibility Supporting Legislation, Enabling Environment	Rm 3

5:00	Session Ends	
7:00	Cocktails	



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### AGENDA: DAY 2: 24 JULY 2008

Time	Activity	Speaker/Presenter
<b>SESSION 1: Internet Governance Frameworks</b>		
8:30	Securing Internet Infrastructure, Services and Traffic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparedness and Response</li><li>• Computer Security Incident Response Teams</li></ul>	Cristine Hoepers
10:30	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00	Internet 2	Heidi Alvarez
11:30	Discussion of Implications for the Caribbean	Open
11:50	Session Summary and Capstone Remarks	Session Chair
	LUNCH BREAK	
<b>SESSION 2: Agenda for Action</b>		
1:30	Reports and Recommendations from Day 1 Workshop Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IG Policy Framework - Issue 1.0</li><li>• Regional Content Initiatives</li><li>• IPv6 Transition and IXP Development Models</li></ul>	
2:30	Priority Actions and Primeships for Regional Internet Policy, Infrastructure and Business Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specific actions</li><li>• Priority actions for moving forward</li><li>• Project concepts</li><li>• Primeships for action</li><li>• Legal and regulatory issues</li></ul>	
3:00	Open Mic	
4:00	Closing Remarks	