

**2<sup>nd</sup> Caribbean Internet Governance Forum**  
*and*  
**4<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Internet Forum**

**Towards a Regional Caribbean  
Internet Governance Framework**

**Programme Overview**

**Date** November 1 - 3, 2006

**Venue** Grenadian by Rex Resorts, Point Salines, Grenada

**Background** Driven by the imperative to hasten economic development, over the past six years most countries of the Caribbean have engaged in de-monopolization of their telecommunications sector. Legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks have been evolving to provide the necessary transparency and predictability to attract capital for ICT infrastructure as well as increase access to services. The first Caribbean Internet Forum in Jamaica in 2003 sought to focus attention on the “access gap” and the steps needed to rapidly reduce it.

The “infrastructure deficit” was addressed in subsequent fora leading to considerations of optimized broadband fixed and mobile network deployment, access and usage in CIF III Barbados in 2005. In parallel, to this regional activity, the UN -ITU WSIS process has been developing at the international level to ensure that access to ICT and services are available to all peoples of the world. In the WSIS process, the Internet has been recognized as a key enabling technology to provide access to information and drive economic growth and therefore its operational modalities in relation to existing international legal, policy and regulatory frameworks needed to be examined. As a consequence the 2005 Tunis Round of the WSIS which considered the Internet Governance issue is being followed up with a meeting in Greece in November 2006.

In addition to the Third Caribbean Internet Forum held in Barbados in 2005, the CTU and CARICOM held a regional forum that year in Guyana to explore the specific issues and impacts of Internet ***Governance***. Like the 2005 Caribbean Internet Forum, the Internet Governance Forum anticipated a follow-on forum that would progress its work. Among other things, this follow-on IG Forum will aim to establish the governance framework appropriate to regional jurisdictions.

The 2006 Internet Governance Forum and the 2006 Caribbean Internet Forum will be held as a single, joint event in November in Grenada to enable synergies between the respective coordinating and interest groups.

**Objectives**

- To progress the work and recommendations of the 2005 Internet Governance Forum hosted by the CTU and the CARICOM Secretariat in Georgetown.
- To progress the work of the preceding Caribbean Internet Forums
- To establish the requirements for, and parameters of, an Internet Governance Framework appropriate to the Caribbean
- To establish priority areas and particular actions relating to the development of an appropriate Caribbean Internet Governance Framework and regional Internet infrastructure
- To build synergies between various regional centres of interest and capability in Internet Governance

**Target Audience**

- Caribbean Government Officials
- Caribbean ICT Regulators
- Leading Business, Finance & Legal practitioners
- Internet Service, Content, Media & Telecommunications Service Providers
- End Users including Consumer Groups
- NGOs
- Academics

## Approach

Participants will be expected to participate in an online Internet Governance Forum at <http://ctu.connectedcaribbean.com> and review the following relevant background materials in readiness for the 2006 CIF/IGF:

- WGIG Report, June 2005
- Presentations of the First Regional Internet Governance Forum, September 2005
- Report and Recommendations of the Internet Governance Forum, September 2005
- Other background materials as posted on the Online Forum

The objectives will be pursued in the course of a three-day Forum to be addressed by regional and international authorities in matters of IG. There will be two workshop sessions facilitated by experts and regional practitioners in the field.

### Workshop 1:

- Elements of a Caribbean IG framework and key resource centres
- A draft Caribbean IG Framework
- Priority actions
- Primeships for action on selected IG focus areas for Caribbean stakeholders

## Deliverables

A report for submission to Caribbean ICT Ministers documenting

- Draft regional framework
- Follow up activities fleshed out, and ordered by priority
- Commitments for follow up activities



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***Provisional Agenda: Day 1(Draft – Speakers Unconfirmed)***

***1<sup>st</sup> November 2006***

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Speaker / Presenter</b>
<b>Session Chair: Dr. Spencer Thomas</b> , Chairman, National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, NTRC		
<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	
<i>9:05 a.m.</i>	<b>Welcome / Introductions</b>	<b>Session Chair</b>
<i>9:10 a.m.</i>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Ms. Bernadette Lewis</b> , Secretary-General, CTU
<i>9:15 a.m.</i>	<b>Welcome Address</b> (to include IG in the OECS and implications for region-wide coordination)	<b>Minister Gregory Bowen</b> , responsible for telecoms
<i>9:20 a.m.</i>	<b>Keynote Address: Towards a Framework Convention?</b> (Global contextualization: WSIS Outcomes; Recommendations for IG; Greece agenda)	<b>Mawaki Chango, Togo</b> , Previous: Fellow, UN Working Group on Internet Governance & <b>Prof. Lee McKnight</b> , Syracuse University
<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<b>Status Report On Caribbean IG Activities</b>	<b>Ms. Jacqueline Morris</b> , Previous: Member, UN Working Group on Internet Governance
<i>10.30 a.m.</i>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	

Internet Governance and the Caribbean Session Chair: C. Courtney Jackson		
11:00	Internet Governance: Global and Regional Issues, Challenges and Best Practices	ICANN <sup>1</sup>
11:30	Regional Overview of ccTLD Administration	Carlton Samuels <sup>1</sup> , UWI, Jamaica
11:45	IG in the Caribbean: Legal and Regulatory Issues, Challenges and Opportunities	Teni Housty, Attorney at Law, Guyana
12:00	Development of Internet Content in the Caribbean: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities	Congress WBN (international)
12:10	Session Summary and Capstone Remarks	Session Chair
12:15 p.m.	Lunch <i>Sponsored by</i>	
Internet Governance Frameworks Session Chair: Jacqueline Morris, Previous: Member, UN Working Group on Internet Governance		
1:15 p.m.	Elements of an IG Framework	Prof. Lee McKnight, Syracuse University
2:00 p.m.	Open Discussion on Internet Governance Issues	Facilitators: Dr. Kim Mallalieu, The University of the West Indies & Prof. Lee McKnight, Syracuse University
2:15 p.m.	Possibilities & Prospects for Caribbean IG	Philip Goddard, Barbados
2:30 p.m.	Coffee Break	
3:00 p.m.	Working Session 1: Towards a Draft Caribbean IG framework	Facilitators: Jacob Malthouse, ICANN Kim Mallalieu, The University of the West Indies
4:00 p.m.	Presentation of Group Reports and Q & A	
5:00 p.m.	Close of Session	
7:00 p.m.	Cocktails <i>sponsored by</i>	

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<sup>1</sup> Must include a treatment of regional legal / regulatory IG challenges and resources

## **Provisional Agenda: Day 2<sup>2</sup>**

*2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006*

8:30.-9.00 am	<b>Webconference: Grenada, Syracuse and Greece<sup>3</sup>, Live from the IG Forum</b>	<b>Dr. Derrick Cogburn</b> , Syracuse University. Presenting from Athens, Greece
8:30 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions from 3 sites	
8:35 a.m.	Derrick presents first live report from Greece	
8:40 a.m.	Markus Kummer	
8:45 a.m.	Jennifer Britton	
8:50 a.m.	Q&A	
<b>Panel Discussion I: Caribbean Infrastructure - Status Reports and I.G. Issues Arising</b> <b>Session Chair: Donnie De Freitas, ECTEL</b>		
9:00 -9.15 am.	<b>Caribbean Network Infrastructure and Services</b>	<b>C. Courtney Jackson</b>
9:15-9.30 am	<b>Development of Regional Submarine and Terrestrial Fiber Optic Capacity</b>	<b>Tom Soja</b>
9:30 -9:45 am	<b>The Caribbean Knowledge &amp; Learning Network</b>	<b>Ken Sylvester</b>
9:45- 10:15am	<b>Caribbean Infrastructure and ccTLD Administration – Lessons Learnt</b>	<b>Patrick Hosein</b>
10:15-10.40 am	<b>General Discussion on Issues Arising; Q &amp; A</b>	<b>Facilitated by Chair</b>
10:40 -10:50	<b>Session Summary and Capstone Remarks</b>	<b>Chair</b>
10:50-11.05	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>Panel Discussion II: Caribbean Internet Services - Industry Reports and I.G. Issues Arising</b> <b>Chair: Nigel Cassimire, CTU</b>		
11:05-11:20		<b>Sunbeach</b>
11:20-11:35		<b>Cable &amp; Wireless</b>
11:35-11:50		<b>Digicel</b>
11:50-12:05		<b>InfoChannel</b>
12:05-12:20pm		<b>Columbus Communications</b>
12:20-12:30pm	Session Summary and Capstone Remarks	<b>Session Chair</b>

3. The day begins with a real-time report and dialog with participants in the Internet Governance Forum, Greece, facilitated by Internet Governance Project and the Civic Center, Syracuse University.

<sup>3</sup> 6 hours ahead of the Caribbean. We report on Day 1 of the Forum and hear review of the Greece proceedings

<i>12:30-2:00 pm.</i>	<b>Lunch Sponsored by Nortel</b>	
<i>2:00</i>	<b>Working Session 2: Elements of a Caribbean IG framework, continued</b> <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>	<b>Jacqueline Morris</b> , Previous: Member, UN Working Group on Internet Governance  <b>Mawaki Chango</b> Previous: Fellow, UN Working Group on Internet Governance
<i>3:00 p.m</i>	<b>Break</b>	
<i>3.30 p.m.</i>	<b>Working Session 3: Finalizing Draft Caribbean IG Framework</b>	<b>Facilitators:</b> <b>Jacob Malthouse</b> , ICANN <b>Jacqueline Morris</b> , Previous: Member, UN Working Group on Internet Governance
<i>4:30 p.m.</i>	<b>Plenary Session: Forum Reports</b>  <b>A Caribbean IG Framework Draft: Policy Action Items and Next Steps</b>  <b>A Caribbean Internet Governance Framework and Policy Action Items</b>	<b>Presented by:</b> <b>Bernadette Lewis / Nigel Cassimire</b> , CTU  <b>Donnie Defreitas</b> , ECTEL / <b>Courtney Jackson</b> , OUR
<i>4:50 p.m.</i>	<b>Closing Remarks: Grenadian PM</b>	

## ***Provisional Agenda***

***Day Three<sup>4</sup>***

***3<sup>rd</sup> November 2006***

<i>8:30-10:00</i>	<b>Panel: ICTs, Disasters, and Development</b>	<b>Panel Chair: Aaron Moses</b>
	<b>Strategic Role of ICT in Economic Development: Lessons from Asia</b>  <b>Emergency Telecommunications Infrastructure &amp; Services and in the Caribbean</b>  <b>Reliability, Resiliency and Survivability of the Regional Telecommunications Infrastructure: Lessons from Ivan – Grenada, Jamaica, Cayman</b>	<b>Dr. Farooq Hussain</b>  <b>Michael Saunderson, NWA, Jamaica</b>  <b>C. Courtney Jackson, OUR</b>
<i>10:00am</i>	<b>Break</b>	
<i>10:30am</i>	<b>Innovation and Caribbean Internet Strategies: A Hands-On Tutorial</b>	<b>Dr. Diana Anius, St. Lucia</b>
	<b>A Tutorial and Demonstration of Wireless Grids</b>	<b>Mawaki Chango</b> <b>Jeffrey Owens</b> <b>Lee McKnight</b>
<i>12.00 p.m.</i>	<b>Facilitating Broadband Access: Member States</b>	<b>Panel Chair: TBD</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadband over Power Line</li> <li>• ADSL</li> <li>• Cable Modem</li> </ul>	<b>ECTEL/Trinidad</b> <b>Dr. Haniph Latchman</b> <b>Cable &amp; Wireless</b> <b>Columbus Communications</b>
<i>1:00p.m.</i>	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Sponsored by Columbus</i>	

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<sup>4 4</sup> The CIF4 sessions continue the focus on significant issues in the market place which impede the development of competitive markets for supply capacity and demand for Internet services, including regulatory and governance issues.



	<b><i>Communications</i></b>	
<i>2:00-3:30p.m.</i>	<b>Convergence Issues for the Caribbean: The Future of Internet &amp; Telecoms Regulation in the Caribbean</b>	<b>Panel Chair: Dr. Cletus Burton, St. Lucia</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competition Issues</li> <li>• Status of the Regional Liberalization Process</li> <li>• E-Government</li> <li>• VoIP Licensing and International Settlements</li> <li>• IP Interconnection Issues</li> </ul>	<b>Minnett Palmer, Jamaica</b> <b>Ms. Bernadette Lewis</b>  <b>Donnie DeFreitas</b> <b>Scott Marcus, WIK</b>  <b>Courtney Jackson, OUR</b>
<i>3:30p.m.</i>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Chairman of ECTEL</b>