REPORT ON THE 8TH CARIBBEAN INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM (8CIGF)

Dates: 29 to 30 August 2012

Venue: Bay Gardens Hotel, Rodney Bay, St. Lucia

Background and Objectives

The Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (CIGF) is a multi-country, multi-stakeholder forum initiated by the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat in 2005 to coordinate a regional approach to Internet Governance. The forum has since met annually and the primary product of its work has been the formulation of a Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework issued in 2009. This policy framework articulates a Caribbean vision, priority areas and recommendations for Internet Governance and serves as a guide for regional stakeholders. The CTU has been actively implementing projects in accordance with the document to ensure that Caribbean citizens are able to make effective use of the Internet.

In convening the 8th CIGF, the CTU targeted the broadest range of Internet stakeholders including Government policy-makers, regulators, Internet service providers, telecommunications operators, businesses/private sector, international organisations, academic institutions and civil society Internet users. The forum addressed the following objectives via a series of presentation, discussion and workshop sessions, led or facilitated by respected regional or international specialists and practitioners:

- Highlighting priority Internet Governance issues for the Caribbean
- Reviewing progress since the 7th CIGF in 2011
- Presenting a business case for advancing the proliferation of Caribbean Internet Exchange Points
- Outlining the need for a comprehensive Cyber-Security Framework
- Reviewing and revising the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework
- Planning future policy development and collaboration work.

Summary of Forum Proceedings

The 8th CIGF had over 80 registered participants on site representing all the targeted stakeholder groups, mostly from St. Lucia but also from Belize, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, St. Maarten, Montserrat, Antigua/Barbuda, Barbados, Trinidad/Tobago, Aruba as well as speakers from the USA, Argentina, Uruguay and Canada. There was Ministerial level representation from the Cayman Islands and the host country, St. Lucia. There were also an additional 60 participants on-line from 23 countries, including 9 CTU member territories, 5 other countries from North, Central and South America (USA, Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia and Venezuela), 3 from Europe – the UK, Malta and Armenia - and others as far flung as India, Bangladesh, Papua-New Guinea, Samoa and Fiji.

The forum saw a series of informative presentations consistent with the forum objectives. The sessions on cyber-security (a special focus of the CTU for 2012) and Internet exchange points were particularly well received. On-site participants also actively and successfully participated in workshop sessions which produced valuable input to the second issue of the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework, scheduled for January 2013. The CTU planned to continue and revitalise the on-line aspect of the CIGF to progress discussions, consensus and capacity building on all Internet governance issues in the region in the interim between live CIGF sessions.

Feedback from participants was quite favourable regarding their experience of the 8th CIGF with the on-line participants reporting consistently good stream quality and being especially grateful for the opportunity to participate meaningfully, as many of their comments and questions were addressed on the conference floor.

The final agenda of the 8th CIGF is attached and copies of the presentation slides may be found online at http://ctu.int/events/details/67-8th-caribbean-internet-governance-forum.

Key Outcomes

All the objectives of the 8th CIGF were appropriately addressed as indicated in the following table:

8th CIGF Objective	Outcome
• Highlighting priority Internet Governance issues for the Caribbean	Highlighted through topic presentations and accounted for in workshop sessions which provided draft input for issue 2 of the Caribbean IG Policy Framework (CIGPF)
• Reviewing progress since the 7th CIGF in 2011	Addressed in a specific presentation which also highlighted the CTU's activities in facilitating and implementing recommendations of the CIGPF
• Presenting a business case for advancing the proliferation of Caribbean Internet Exchange Points (IXPs)	Addressed in specific presentations and panel discussion which were very well received by participants
• Outlining the need for a comprehensive Cyber-Security Framework	Addressed through special agenda sessions on the morning of day 2, which also included information on a draft Caribbean cyber-security framework developed at a regional meeting of stakeholders in the week prior to the 8th CIGF
• Reviewing and revising the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework	Workgroup sessions reviewed draft text of issue 2 of the CIGPF and provided group reports on recommended inputs and revisions
• Planning future policy development and collaboration work	Developed plan to utilise the on-line Internet Governance forum on the CTU's web site as well as e-mail mailing lists for follow up consensus building discussions and enable publishing of Issue 2 of the CIGPF

Next Steps

As indicated, the CTU's web site and an updated mailing list inclusive of the 8th CIGF participants would be used to facilitate further collaboration among stakeholders for development and publishing of Issue 2 of the CIGPF as well as for ongoing ventilation of IG issues. All were urged to continue active participation through Q4 2012, including following the 7th global Internet Governance Forum in November 2012 towards supporting update and issuance of the updated CIGPF by January 2013.

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Agenda

DAY 1 - 29th August, 2012

Time	Activity	Presenter
08:30	National Anthem and Convocation	
Setting the Global IGF Stage		
08:35	Introductory Remarks	**Ms. Bernadette Lewis** Secretary General, Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)
08:45	Welcome Address	**Sen. Dr. Hon. James Fletcher** Minister of Public Service, Information and Broadcasting, St. Lucia
08:55	Global Internet Governance Issues	**Mr. John Curran** President & CEO, American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN)
09:30	- Regional Internet Governance Initiatives - Updating the Caribbean IG Policy Framework	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire** Telecommunications Specialist, CTU
10:10	**COFFEE BREAK**	
Participating in the Global IGF Process		
10:25	Internet Evolution in Light of the World of New gTLDs	**Mr. Rodrigo de La Parra** Regional Representative for Latin America, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
10:55	**Virtual Presentation:** Remote Participation: Opportunities for Regional Inclusion	**Ms. Virginia Paque** IG Capacity Building Programme Coordinator, Diplo Foundation
11:25	Internet Governance Policy	**Dr. Patrick Ryan** Open Policy Council, Google, Inc.
11:55	Impact of WCIT-12 on Internet Governance	**Mr. Shernon Osepa** Manager Regional Affairs for the Caribbean and Latin America, Internet Society (ISOC)
12:25	**LUNCH BREAK**	
Physical Infrastructure: Enhancing Access with Mobile Technology		
13:25	Mobile Broadband for Business	**Mr. Lawrence McNaughton** Managing Director, LIME
13:55	Mobile Content: Reaching the Masses	**Mr. Bevil Wooding** Founder and Executive Director, Brightpath Foundation
14:40	**Group Work:** Proposals for updating the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework	Groups
17:00	**END OF SESSION**	

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Day 2 - 30th August, 2012

Time	Activity	Presenter
08:30	Introductory Remarks	
Cyber Security		
08:35	- Cyber Security and Cyber Crime - Cyber Threats in the Caribbean - Preventing Cyber Crime: A Shared Responsibility	**Mr. Gregory Richardson** CEO, 1337 Leet Networks Inc.
09:45	**Virtual Presentation:** DNSSEC: Your Role	**Mr. Patrick Jones** Senior Manager, Security, ICANN
10:15	Securing Digital Assets	**Mr. Nuno Mantinhas** Director, Fortinet Inc.
10:45	**COFFEE BREAK**	
Internet Exchange Points (IXPs)		
11:00	Internet Exchange Points and Update on Caribbean IXPs	**Mr. Bevil Wooding** Internet Strategist, Packet Clearing House (PCH)
11:20	**Discussion Panel:** The Value Proposition - IXP Opportunities	PCH, Google, ISPs
12:30	IPv6 Action Plan	**Mr. Arturo Servin** Chief Technical Officer, Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC)
13:00	**LUNCH BREAK**	
Social Media		
14:00	The Caribbean Blogosphere: Keeping the discussion going	**Ms. Michele Marius** Blogger, ICT-Pulse
Updating the Caribbean IGF Policy Framework		
14:30	Presentation of Group Work Reports	Groups
16:00	Future Policy Development Plans	CTU
16:30	Discussion: Keeping the CIGF Active Online	CTU
17:00	**END OF SESSION**	