



Caribbean Telecommunications Union



## *Planning and Sustaining the Future Development of Caribbean Internet Governance*

2<sup>ND</sup> TO 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2019 • HYATT REGENCY, PORT OF SPAIN • TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

### BACKGROUND

The Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (CIGF) is a regional, 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 (IG), initially focussing on the proceedings of the United Nations' World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The forum has since met annually and has delivered significant and pioneering benefits to the region as well as to the global Internet community. Highlights of its work include formulation of a Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework; the proliferation of Internet exchange points (IXPs); capacity building in IG Principles and best practices; and growth in Caribbean influence in international IG fora.

As the longest running Internet Governance Forum in the world, the CIGF will celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> staging in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago as a part of the CTU's wider 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Week of events. The 15<sup>th</sup> CIGF will address contemporary topics such as data protection, network and service resilience and appropriate policies for navigating this age of social media. However, consistent with the headlined theme, there will be a special focus on enabling sustainability of the CIGF in its roles as the Caribbean's primary multi-stakeholder consensus-building forum on IG matters, in fostering the development of national IGFs and in strengthening liaisons with wider regional, extra regional and global IGFs.

### OBJECTIVES

- Review regional vision, priorities and approaches for sustainably building and/or strengthening consensus and action on IG issues in the Caribbean
- Facilitate open discussion on current Internet governance matters of Caribbean and global interest e.g. data protection, security, social media etc.
- Identify and seize opportunities for Caribbean growth through the Internet economy
- Build national capacity and systems in IG to enable, support, strengthen and sustain effective Caribbean participation and representation at regional and global Internet Governance fora

### TARGET AUDIENCE

- Academia
- Civil society
- Government policy makers and IT Managers
- Internet users
- Internet service providers and Telecommunications operators
- International organisations
- Regulators

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### PROGRAMME OUTLINE AT A GLANCE

Time	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
AM	<p>Welcome &amp; Introduction to Internet Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIGF @ 15 Reviewing CIGF Vision and Mission</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hot Topics in IG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technology Impact</li> <li>- Safety Online</li> <li>- Use of Social Media</li> <li>- Cyber dependency/psychological impacts]</li> </ul>	
	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
AM	<p>National, Regional &amp; Global IG Contexts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from National IGFs (T&amp;T, SVG, Barbados et al)</li> <li>• Report from LACIGF</li> <li>• UN IGF and support for National &amp; Regional Initiatives (NRIs)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Multi-stakeholder Panel:</b> [Assuring Data Protection and Privacy]</p> <p><b>Open Microphone</b> Conclusions</p>	
	<i>Lunch</i>		
PM	<p><b>Caribbean Internet Governance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caribbean IG Policy Framework</li> <li>• Policy Priorities for Current and Future Attention</li> </ul>		
	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
PM	<p><b>Workshop Session:</b> Advancing and Sustaining Caribbean Internet Governance</p>		
Evening	<i>Networking</i>		