

# OUTLINE OF DRAFT CARIBBEAN INTERNET GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

## 1 Context

global context: WSIS Action Plans, regional action plan etc.

regional imperatives, goals e.g. CSME, limited shared resources

**Caribbean Vision for a knowledge based society: goal(s) of Internet / ICT development and guiding principles**

- universal, open, shared and flexible access to regional information infrastructure and global information resources
- creation and distribution of Caribbean content and technologies
- Caribbean identity in the global information society

### 1.1 Internet Governance (IG) Defined

global “working definition” and its application to the Caribbean

## 2 IG Regional Mission

To develop and maintain the appropriate regional frameworks, mechanisms, policies and procedures to enable universal, open, shared and flexible access by Caribbean citizens to enhance and use global information resources

### **3 Guiding Principles**

- 3.1 broad engagement
- 3.2 regard for all stakeholder rights and needs
- 3.3 modularity
- 3.4 interoperability
- 3.5 harmonized
- 3.6 iterative consultation
- 3.7 accessibility
- 3.8 development of stakeholders
- 3.9 proactive / self initiating
- 3.10 Intelligent management

### **4 An IG Framework for the Caribbean**

#### **4.1 General**

- institutionalized multistakeholder participation
- forum for open discussion of public policy issues
- provisions to enhance regional disaster preparedness and response

#### **4.2 Specific**

- Physical infrastructure
- Logical infrastructure
  - ICANN related issues and the Caribbean's involvement
- Security / Use and misuse
  - Cyber security and spam
  - Harmonising legal frameworks and enforcement
  - Digital identity authentication
  - Third party trust and credibility

- Intellectual property rights
- mechanisms for dispute resolution
  - Regulation of competition and convergence
- Development and capacity building
  - Human
  - Technical
  - Business / financial
- Liberties and Rights
  - Privacy
  - Free expression
  - Human rights and the Internet
  - Internet Bill of Rights
  - Free flow of information

## **5 Critical Requirements**

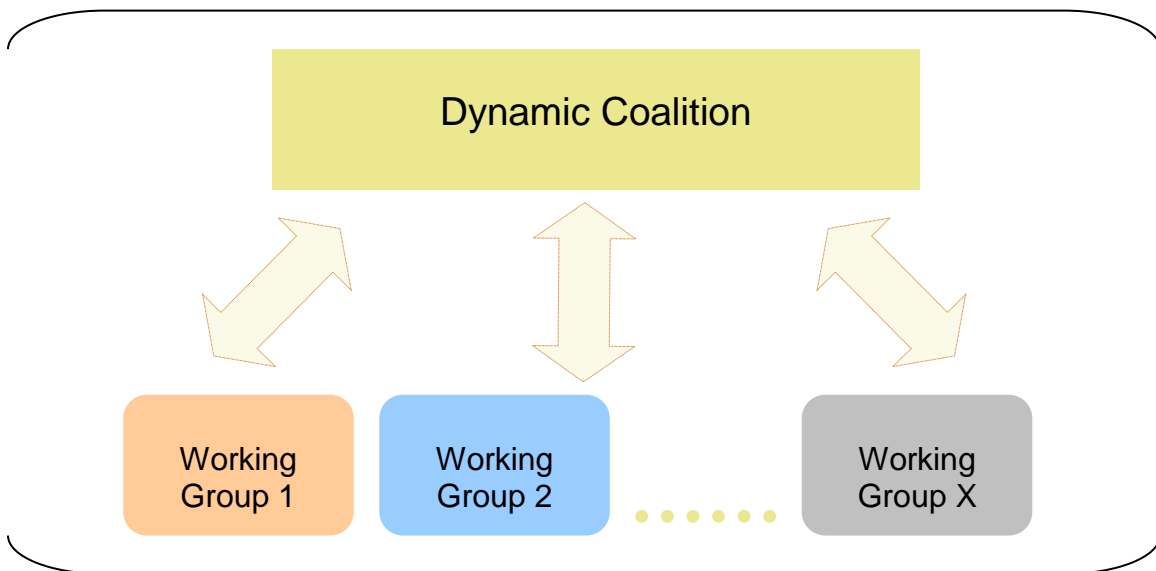
5.1 Demonstrated regional endorsement and commitment

5.2 Involvement of all stakeholders at every stage

## **6 Operational Structure**

The CTU Secretariat playing a coordinating role among the involved stakeholders and groups e.g. the “dynamic coalition”, CARICOM policy makers, regulators, operators, content providers, Internet societies, academic institutions, civil society groups and the general public

## Governing Agency



## 7 Implementation Strategy

- collaborative mechanisms
- a “dynamic coalition” to carry through on the development of the framework and to work with Caribbean member states
- engagement of the diaspora

## 8 Measurement and Monitoring

- appropriate information and knowledge society metrics of infrastructure development, information literacy, service / access affordability, quality and usage
- measurement and dissemination methodologies and implementing agencies

## 9 Periodic Review

## **Appendices:**

### **10 Terms of Reference**

- 10.1 Identify the public policy issues relevant to Internet Governance in the region and facilitate Research incorporation of international best practice and the setting of a Regional IG Agenda
- 10.2 Develop a common understanding of and approach to Caribbean Internet Governance
- 10.3 Forge strategic relationships with relevant decision making bodies
- 10.4 Define, Implement and Manage appropriate mechanisms for the full and active participation of all stakeholders
- 10.5 Advise on representation of the regions views at various international fora
- 10.6 Develop a common framework for the engagement of Caribbean Internet Governance stakeholders
- 10.7 Develop a framework for the harmonisation of relevant regional initiatives, specifically, Infrastructure and technology utilization, Domain Management, Content Development, Legislation, et cetera
- 10.8 Commission Working Groups to execute the mandate of the Dynamic Coalition, specifically:
  - 10.8.1 The Working Groups will Produce Workstream specific Action Plans to be presented for consideration and appropriate action
  - 10.8.2 The Coalition will Produce an Action Plan to be presented for consideration and appropriate action
- 10.9 Establish and Manage a Caribbean Internet Governance Secretariat to:
  - 10.9.1 Provide substantive, organizational, administrative and technical support to the Dynamic Coalition
  - 10.9.2 Manage financial and other resource contributions
  - 10.9.3 Facilitate appropriate public awareness initiatives relevant the internet and internet governance