



**Caribbean
Telecommunications
Union**

Caribbean Internet Governance: New Approaches for the future

Engineering Beneficial Outcomes

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History of the CTU

- Established in 1989 by Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to be the inter-governmental telecommunications policy instrument for the Caribbean
- 2003: Defined a new strategic direction to address issues of information and communications technologies (ICT)
- 2004: Expanded Membership to include Private sector organisations and Civil Society
- 2005: Established Caribbean Internet Governance Forum

Mission

- To create an environment in partnership with members to optimize returns from ICT resources for the benefit of stakeholders

Guiding Principles

- **Integrity** - *in all interactions*
- **Transparency** - *in operations*
- **Accountability** - *to its members*
- **Delivery** - *on all commitments*

Operating Principles

- **Strategic Partnerships**
- **Collaboration**
- **Cooperation**

CTU Core Activities

-  **ICT Harmonised Policy Formulation**
- **Capacity Development** 
-  **Regional ICT Project Coordination**
- **Caribbean Representation** 
-  **Industry Watch**

The World has changed...

Because of the rapid and relentless evolution of information and communication technologies



Features of the Changed World



Manifestations of changed-world features

...Chipping away at
traditional frameworks



Because the world has changed...



Torri was born without a right hand. Her closest friends started a twitter campaign called [#HandforTorri](#) that got the attention of someone who could help.

Organisations that do not respond...



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Achievements



1. **Greater awareness and understanding**
2. **Increasing awareness of and participation in global Internet organisations and fora**

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Achievements



3. Improvement in critical physical Internet infrastructure (IXP Proliferation)
4. IPv6 awareness and adoption
5. Research

Challenges of a Regional Approach



- 1. Limited reach and impact at the national level**
- 2. Insufficient attention/awareness at the national level**
- 3. Lack of capacity/organisation nationally to address IG issues**
- 4. Dearth of skills/weak pathways for advocacy**
- 5. Disconnect between regional and national initiatives.**



New Approach for



1. Establish IG structures at the national level to provide leadership, support and benefit from the regional IG initiatives
2. Cultivate a new generation of professionals with the necessary expertise to enable them to represent their countries and actively participate in fora that determine the future of the Internet;

New Approach for



3. Train national decision-makers to develop Internet policy, strategy and implementation plans;
4. Foster Internet-enabled entrepreneurship;
5. Train and mobilise national stakeholders into communities of interest to execute national IG activities.
6. Strengthen collaboration and strategic partnerships

New Approach for



Train and mobilise national stakeholders.....

- End Users /Citizens
- Tertiary Education Institutions (Engineers)
- Government
- The Judiciary
- ICT Service Providers
- Regulators
- Non-governmental Organisations
- Civil Society
- Private Sector

New Approach for

...Communities of interest...

- ISOC Chapters
- National IGF
- Task Forces
- Advocacy groups
- ITM4D
- Computer Societies

New Approach for

...to execute national IG activities.

- Continuous awareness and recognition campaigns
- Continuous progressive education for different audiences
- Ipv6 Nation/IPv6 Caribbean
- CIRTs
- DNSSEC Nation/DNSSEC Caribbean
- ccTLD Strengthening/Development
- Spam

Partners



Invitation to Partners

Support

New Approach to

Caribbean



Internet Governance



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2nd to 6th February, 2015

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Trinidad and Tobago**



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