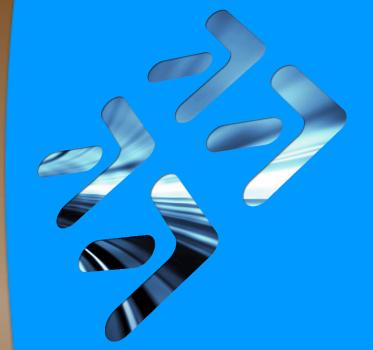**Caribbean Telecommunications Union**
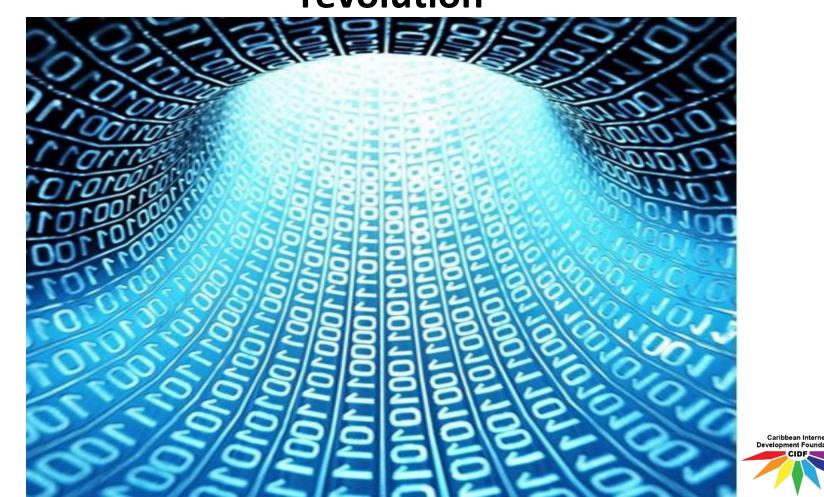
Launching of the

Caribbean Internet Development Foundation

CIDF

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Engineering Beneficial Outcomes

The Internet has emerged as the most pervasive, transformative, manifestation of the technological revolution

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union

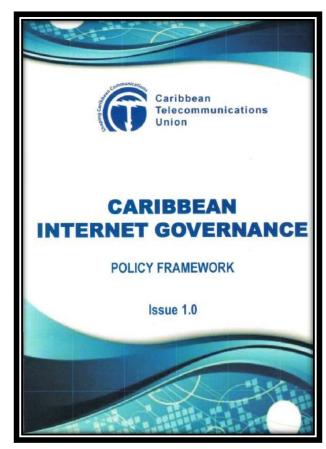**Established the Caribbean Internet Development Foundation**

On 20th October 2017 in Trinidad and Tobago

as a non-profit organisation

CTU's Work in Caribbean Internet Governance

2005

The Caribbean established the world's first Internet Governance Forum

2009

The CIG Policy Framework being implemented

CTU's Work in Caribbean Internet Governance

CARIBBEAN ICT Roadshow

Mobilised and Inspired Stakeholders

ARIN
American Registry for Internet Numbers

LIME

PCH
Packet Clearing House

COLUMBUS
Communications Inc.

FORTINET

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Internet Society

ICANN

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CIGF Achievements

- Raised awareness and educated

- Increased outreach by Internet organisations

- Increased awareness of and participation in global internet organization and fora.

- Establish critical internet infrastructure

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CIGF Challenges - I

Insufficient attention /visibility to IG at the National level.

Limited reach /impact of the regional work at the national level.

Lack of capacity/organization nationally to benefit from CIGF and to address National IG Issues.

CIGF Challenges - II

Dearth of skills and work pathway for advocacy on IG.

Disconnect between regional and national initiatives.

Insufficient capacity of the persons working in the area to represent their countries at international Internet fora or to execute IG related activities.

Multiplicity of uncoordinated interventions.

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Rationale for the CIDF

There is a continuing need to:

- Create awareness and educate

- Build expertise on Internet governance and digital transformation issues .

- Coordinate Caribbean IG activities at the national level.

The CIDF will enable us to realise the Internet's huge potential and transform the region.
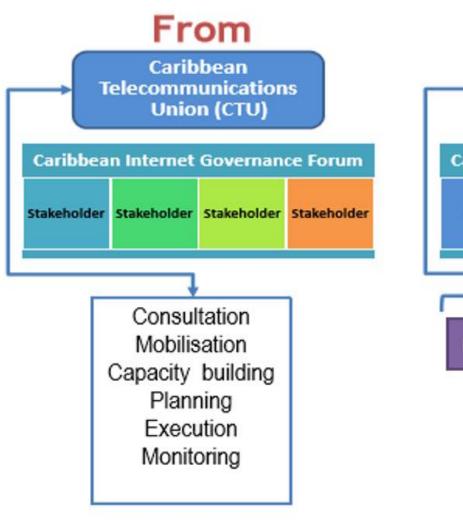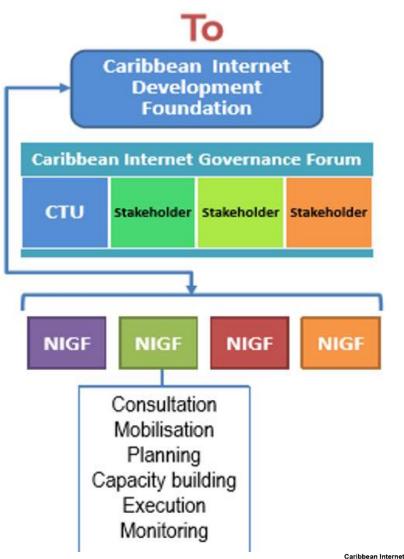
Objectives of the CIDF

- Convene the annual CIGF

- Coordinate the regional activities associated with IG and digital transformation.

- Support the establishment of national IGF.

- Link regional IG activities to national initiatives.

- Mobilize national multi-stakeholder communities of interest to execute IG project.

- Train to execute specific mandates.

- Development of professionals who can effectively represent national interests at international IG fora.

Transition from CIGF to CIDF

Short-term Sustainability

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We need You

Contributing Partner Organisations

1 • Development Agencies

2 • Internet Organisations

3 • ICT Service Providers

4 • US$ 150,000 Seed Fund

Long term Sustainability

1 • **Beneficiaries must contribute**

2 • **Donor funds and Sponsorship**

3 • **Project management Fees and Events**

4 • **Reduce the contributions of Partners**

Anticipated Outcomes

- Increasing numbers of countries that embrace IG principles and best practices.

- Internet-related entrepreneurism and job creation.

- Strong, consistent and sustained representation and participation of Caribbean countries in the Internet policy bodies internationally.

- Emergence of a national and regional Internet innovation culture.

- 21st Century Caribbean Governments

- Digital Transformation

- Social and economic development.

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" Mobilizing and training national communities to support the development of digital economies."
INITIAL SEED FUNDING REQUIRED
US$100,000

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Thank you!

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