16th Caribbean Internet Governance Forum

Theme: Accelerating Digital Transformation: Internet Governance Matters!

26th - 28th AUGUST 2020 • VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING

CONTEXT

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 focused on the proceedings of the United Nations' World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The Forum has since been convened annually by the CTU, and this year in association with the Caribbean Internet Development Foundation (CIDF), the body planned to sustain the CIGF's future work.

As the first and longest running Internet Governance Forum in the world, the CIGF has since grown and evolved, consistently delivering significant and pioneering benefits to the region, including formulation of a Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework; the proliferation of local Internet exchange points (IXPs); capacity building in IG Principles and best practices; the creation of national IGFs, and the growth in Caribbean influence at international IG fora.

This year, the CIGF evolves yet again, this time in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. **The 16th CIGF will be convened via online videoconferencing, under the theme: Accelerating Digital Transformation – Internet Governance Matters!** Countries, organizations and end-users have all had to rely more heavily on digital services as COVID-19 related public health and social distancing requirements catalysed adoption of remote working methods. No sector has escaped impact. The role of ICTs has therefore never been more important, and the need for effective, locally relevant Internet governance never more urgent.

The agenda for this year's Forum will reflect this new reality. Sessions will address various work streams of Internet governance necessary to seize this opportunity for accelerated digital adoption and position the Caribbean for sustainable, ICT-driven post-COVID recovery.

OBJECTIVES

- Consider Internet governance policies and initiatives for priority attention to facilitate regional COVID-19 response and recovery initiatives.
- Review vision, priorities and approaches for sustainably building and/or strengthening consensus and action on IG issues in the Caribbean.
- Strengthen national capacity in IG and enable, support, strengthen and sustain effective Caribbean participation at regional and global Internet Governance fora.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- ✓ Civil society and Internet users
- ✓ Academia
- ✓ Government policy makers and regulators
- ✓ Telecommunications and Internet service providers, IT managers and network operators
- ✓ Internet technical organisations
- ✓ International organisations and development agencies
- ✓ Operations/Managers of Internet Exchange Points

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE AT A GLANCE

TIME	26th AUG	27th AUG	28th AUG
	Welcome & Introduction to IG **DAY 1 - ASSESS**	Welcome & Day 1 Recap **DAY 2 - ACCELERATE**	Welcome & Day 2 Recap **DAY 3 - EVOLVE**
AM	**CIGF 16 - Internet Governance in the New Normal** *Panel*: The Impact of COVID-19 on Regional and Global Internet Governance	**CIGF 16 – Applying Internet Governance in the New Normal** *Panel*: Accelerating e-Government – **Rapidly Transitioning Government Services Online – Trials, Successes and Lessons**	**CIGF 16 – Adapting Internet Governance in the New Normal** *Panel*: Clouds in the Caribbean Sky – **Data Sovereignty, Security and Privacy for Local Online Services**
	Coffee Break		
AM	*Deep Dive* Updates from National IGFs, LACIGF and UNIGF	*Panel*: Accelerating Electronic Commerce – **e-Payments, e-Money and online transactions**	*Panel*: Sun, Sea and Masks – **IG & Caribbean Tourism in the New Normal**
	Lunch		
PM	**Caribbean Internet Governance Roundtable**: Policy Priorities for Current Attention **Youth Forum**: Digital Transformation and Youth	*Panel*: Accelerating Caribbean Internet Infrastructure – **IXPs, ASN and Network Autonomy and Resilience**	*Panel*: Education, Media and Innovation – **IG & Local Digital Content and Internet Entrepreneurism**
PM	*Interactive Session*: **Connecting the Dots**: Implications for the Caribbean IG Policy Framework	*Interactive Session*: **Connecting the Dots** : Implications for the Caribbean IG Policy Framework	*Interactive Session*: **Connecting the Dots**: Implications for the Caribbean IG Policy Framework
	Homework	*Homework*	

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Wednesday 26th August 2020

Programme

OPENING SESSION

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
08:30	Invocation	**Mr. Junior McIntyre –** ICT Consultant, CTU
08:35	Welcome Remarks	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire -** Ag. Secretary General, CTU
08:45	Remarks	**Mr. Chengetai Masango –** Programme and Technology Manager, UN IGF Secretariat
08:50	Remarks	**Mr. Bevil Wooding -** Caribbean Outreach Liaison, ARIN
08:55	Remarks	**Mr. Ernesto Majó -** Deputy CEO, LACNIC
09:00	Remarks	**Mr. Shernon Osepa -** Director - Caribbean Affairs and Development, Internet Society (ISOC)
09:05	Remarks	**Mr. Albert Daniels -** Senior Manager, Stakeholder Engagement (Caribbean), ICANN
09:10	**CIGF @ 16** : What We've Done, Current Initiatives and What's Next	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire –** Ag. Secretary General, CTU
09:30	**PANEL: The Impact of COVID-19 on Regional and Global Internet Governance**	**Moderator:** Mr. Nigel Cassimire, CTU **Mr. Miguel Estrada –** General Manager, LACTLD **Mr. Bevil Wooding –** ARIN **Mr**. **Kevon Swift –** Head of Strategic Relations & Integration, LACNIC **Mr**. **Albert Daniels –** ICANN **Mr**. **Shernon Osepa -** ISOC
10:30	**BREAK**	
10:45	**UPDATES: Reports, Trends and Updates from National, Regional and Global IG Fora**	**Moderator**: **Mr. Nigel Cassimire –** Ag. Secretary General, CTU
	• **Caribbean NIGFs**: Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, St. Vincent and the Grenadines	**Messrs. Dev Gosine & George Gobin –** Directors, TTIGF **Mr. David Smith -** Barbados IGF **Mr. Kerry Kerr –** SVG IGF **(TBC)**
	• **LAC IGF Update**	**Mr. Kevon Swift -** LACNIC
	• **UN IGF Update** Major themes; opportunities and support for NRIs, SIDS and developing country inputs, youth based initiatives	**Mr. Chengetai Masango -** UN IGF Secretariat
	• **Q&A and General Discussion**	**All Participants**
12:15	**LUNCH BREAK**	

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TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER/FACILITATOR
12:15	**LUNCH**	
		Moderator: Mr. Nigel Cassimire – Ag. Secretary General, CTU
13:30	**Meaningful Connectivity**	**Mr. Yacine Khelladi –** Latin America and Caribbean Coordinator, Alliance for Affordable Internet
14:00	YOUTH FORUM: Digital Transformation and Youth	**Facilitator: Mr. Michael Joseph –** Guild Rep, Faculty of Science & Technology, UWI St. Augustine (STA)
	• Digital Transformation, Education & Youth	**Mr. Warren Anderson –** Guild President, UWI St. Augustine
	• Digital Transformation and the Young Professional	**Mr. Kendell Vincent** – Guild Publications Chair, UWI St. Augustine
	• Digital Transformation and the Caribbean: The Way Forward	**Mr. Jensen Samaroo** – Guild International Affairs Chair, UWI St. Augustine
	• Commentary	**Mr. Jonathan Felix** – Transdisciplinary Academic, RMIT University, Vietnam
	• Q&A / Discussion	
15:15	**BREAK**	
15:30	**WORKSHOP SESSION:** • Updating the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire** – Ag. Secretary General, CTU
16:15	General Discussion – Summary of Issues	
16:30	**End of Day 1 Programme**	
	Homework	

Thursday 27th August 2020 **Programme**	ACCELERATE	

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
09:00	**Welcome and Day 1 Recap**	**Mr. Junior McIntyre** – ICT Consultant, CTU
	PANEL: Accelerating e-Government – Rapidly Transitioning Government Services Online – Trials, Successes and Lessons	**Moderator: Mr. Tracy Hackshaw** – ICT Consultant **Mr. Bennette Thomas** –Director of Telecommunications & Technology, Ministry of Telecommunications and Broadcasting, Government of Dominica **Mr. Rodney Taylor** – Director, Data Processing, Ministry of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology, Government of Barbados **Mr. Maurice Barnes** – Chief Executive Officer, eGov Jamaica Ltd.
	Q&A / General Discussion	
10:30	**BREAK**	
10:45	**PANEL: Accelerating Electronic Commerce – e-Payments, e-Money and Online Transactions**	**Moderator: Ms. Rhea Yaw Ching** – Managing Director, Covela Foundation **Ms. Vashti Maharaj** – Director, Legal Services, Ministry of the Attorney General & Legal Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago **Mr. Charles Bobb-Semple** – Deputy Chief Executive Officer, iGovTT
	Q&A / General Discussion	
12:15	**LUNCH**	
13:30	**PANEL: Accelerating Caribbean Internet Infrastructure – IXPs, ASNs and Network Autonomy and Resilience**	**Moderator: Mr. Bevil Wooding** - ARIN **Mr. Junior McIntyre –** ICT Consultant, CTU **Mr. Kevon Swift –** LACNIC **Mr. Jean Sebastien Hamlet –** Collectivité de Saint Martin, French WI
	Q&A / General Discussion	**Mr. Brent McIntosh** - CaribNOG
15:00	**BREAK**	
15:30	**WORKSHOP SESSION:** • Updating the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire -** CTU
16:30	**End of Day 2 Programme**	
	Homework?	

Friday 28th August 2020

Programme

EVOLVE

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER/FACILITATOR
09:00	**Introduction and Recap**	**Mr. Junior McIntyre –** ICT Consultant, CTU
	PANEL: Clouds in the Caribbean Sky – Data Sovereignty, Security and Privacy for Local Online Services	**Moderator: Ms. Vashti Maharaj –** Director, Legal Services, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs, Government of Trinidad and Tobago
		Mr. Stephen Lee – Chief Executive Officer, Arkitechs Inc.
		Mr. Carlton Samuels – Consultant, Strategy, Process, Governance, Assessment & Turnaround, Accendi Caribbean Ltd.
		Mr. Bartlett Morgan – Senior Associate and Digital Law Lead, Lex Caribbean
		Ms. Amelia Bleeker – Associate Programme Management Officer, UNECLAC
10:30	**BREAK**	
10:45	**PANEL: Sun, Sea and Masks – IG & Caribbean Tourism in the New Normal**	**Moderator: Mr. Nigel Cassimire,** CTU
		Ms. Heidi Alert – Chief Executive Officer (Ag.) Tourism Trinidad Ltd.
		Mr. Alee Fa'amoe – Former Executive Director ICT, OfReg, Cayman Islands
12:15	**LUNCH**	
13:30	**PANEL: Education, Media and Innovation – IG & Local Digital Content and Internet Entrepreneurism**	**Moderator: Mr. Bevil Wooding,** ARIN
		Mr. Bennette Thomas – Director of Telecommunications & Technology, Government of Dominica
		Mr. Hector Faya – Head of Policy Programs & Government Outreach, Latin America, Facebook
		Ms. Franka Philip – Media Consultant, Trini Good Media
15:00	**Participant Comments, Feedback and Recommendations**	**Open Microphone, All Participants**
15:30	**Session and Forum Wrap Up**	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire,** CTU
15:45	**END OF 16th CIGF**	

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