

# A Caribbean ICT Scorecard & Internet Governance Status



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# About the CTU:

- ❖ Established in 1989 in Nassau, The Bahamas by Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Ministers responsible for Telecommunications, to be the inter-governmental telecommunications policy instrument for the Caribbean
- ❖ Mission: “To create an environment in partnership with members to optimise returns from ICT resources for the benefit of stakeholders”
- ❖ WEBSITE: [www.ctu.int](http://www.ctu.int)

# Caribbean ICT Scorecard

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total Benefit
Policy	Legislation	Regulation	Liberalisation	Competition	Infrastructure	Affordability	Access	Effective Use	
7	5	6	6	5	6	4	4	3	5
Enabling Environment						Opportunity			

# Improving The Score

## ❖ Plan Strategically

- Departure from partisan politics and demonstration of political will
- Be pragmatic in the development of Caribbean models for ICT development

## ❖ Build Human Capacity

- Build Public awareness of the potential ICT in socio-economic development
- Educate and train the workforce on ICT

# Improving The Score

## ❖ Manage ICT resources

- Cooperate regionally to ICT establish infrastructure and appropriate systems
- Cultivate Public/Private Sector Partnerships
- Pool resources and share experiences

## ❖ Use Effectively

- Government must be first and early adopters of ICT and must employ them to deliver services to citizens
- Enterprises must incorporate the technologies in their internal processes
- Develop industry – niche enterprises which can leverage the technologies for competitive advantage.

# Caribbean IG Activities

- ❖ Jan 2005
  - CARICOM Secretariat requests CTU to address IG for the Caribbean
- ❖ Sep 2005
  - First Caribbean IGF held in Georgetown by CTU in association with the CARICOM Secretariat (ICANN CTO participated)
    - Recommended creation of a regional IG framework
    - Identified relevant IG issues for the Caribbean
    - Determined Forum positions on specific WSIS issues
    - Report issued to regional ICT Ministers and policy makers to inform WSIS participation in Tunis
- ❖ Nov 2005
  - CARICOM Secretariat represented at WSIS Tunis Rounds

# Caribbean IG Activities

- ❖ May 2006
  - Workshop on IG Technical and Policy Issues at the CTU's World Telecommunication Day Symposium 2006, facilitated by ICANN CTO, Liaison & ALAC rep.
- ❖ Sep 2006
  - CTU established on-line IGF
- ❖ Nov 2006
  - Joint CIGF / CIF in Grenada to coincide with the UN's global IGF in Greece to:
    - Progress development of a Caribbean IG framework
    - Input to and feedback from participants at global IGF
    - Note and review existing developments in the ICT sector
    - Identify specific ICT development projects and activities

# Caribbean IG Activities

❖ Apr 2007

- Ministerial Internet Governance Briefing Seminar

- Commitment obtained from Caribbean Government ICT Ministers and Internet stakeholders to a regional Caribbean Agenda
- Development of an Action Plan for advancing the Caribbean Internet Governance Agenda



## 2007 Caribbean IGF Plans

- ❖ Development of a regional draft IG Policy framework
  - Further development via on-line forum <http://ctu.int> and regional meetings
- ❖ Identification and Execution of projects
  - Regional development metrics
  - Infrastructure development initiatives (physical, logical, content)
- ❖ CTU to take facilitating/ coordinating role

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