

ITU-EC HIPCAR Project

Enhancing Competitiveness in the Caribbean through
the Harmonization of ICT Policies, Legislation and
Regulatory Procedures

Presentation at the

Second Consultation Workshop for Working Group 1 (Stage A)

St. Kitts, 19–22 July 2010

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Agenda

- Summary overview of the HIPCAR Project
- HIPCAR Working Group 1:
 - Activities & achievements to date
 - This Second Consultation Workshop
 - Workplan for the future

HIPCAR Project

- **Objective** is to assist CARICOM/ACP countries in the Caribbean to harmonize their ICT policies, legislation and regulatory processes, and create an enabling environment for ICT development and connectivity
- **Funded** by EU and ITU, and implemented by ITU in collaboration with CTU, CARICOM Secretariat & other regional and national stakeholder organizations in the Caribbean
- **Part of** a broader project covering also ACP countries in sub-Saharan Africa & the Pacific

Project implementation – two phases

Phase I - **Development of regional models**

(based on int'l best practices & an assessment of the experiences and requirements of beneficiary countries in the Caribbean)

a) ICT Policy Guidelines

b) Model legislative texts to implement these policies



... by stakeholders from the region, for the region

Phase II - **Country implementation**

Transposition of these models into national policies, laws & regulations, including implementation assistance & capacity building supported by the HIPCAR project



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Working Groups

WG 1 ICT Legislative Framework

- e-Commerce (Transactions)
- e-Commerce (Evidence)
- Privacy and Data Protection
- Interception of Communications
- Cybercrime
- Access to Public Information (Freedom of Information)

WG 2&3 Telecommunications Acts

- Universal Service/Access
- Interconnection
- Licensing



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Preparatory activities to date:

- Involvement of some members in the Project Planning Meeting (Grenada, 15-16 December 2008)
- Constitution of the Working Group & hiring of experts
- Preparation & review of the **Assessment Reports** on the current situation in the Caribbean relating to the WG's six work areas:
(*Workshop in Saint Lucia, 8-12 March 2010*)
 - e-Commerce (Transactions)
 - e-Commerce (Evidence)
 - Privacy and Data Protection
 - Interception of Communications
 - Cybercrime
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Preparatory activities to date cont'd:

- Preparation & Finalization of **Policy Guidelines** in these six work areas (*Workshop in Saint Lucia, 8-12 March 2010*)

- Preparation by the project experts of Draft Model Legislative Texts (based on the agreed Policy Guidelines) covering THREE of the WGs' six work areas:

- **Privacy and Data Protection**
- **Cybercrime / e-Crime**
- **Access to Public Information (Freedom of Information)**

The remaining three work areas (e-Commerce - Transactions / - Evidence and Interception of Communications) will be covered at a 2nd stage of this workshop in Barbados, from 23-26 August 2010)

...for discussion at this workshop

- * Support work for the WG undertaken to date by five experts:

- regional experts: Pricilla Banner, Kwesi Prescod and Karen Stephen-Dalton
- international experts: Marco Gercke and Gilberto Martins de Almeida



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2nd Consultation Workshop

(St. Kitts, 19 – 22 July 2010)

Objectives:

With the support of all of you alongside the Project team of international and regional experts...

- Review, discuss, reach a consensus on, and finalise the draft Model Legislative Texts relating to the 3 Information Society issues:
 - (a) Privacy & Data Protection
 - (b) Cybercrime / e-Crime
 - (c) Access to Public Information
- Enhance your understanding of the issues & options on developing ICT policies & regulations for the region, & sharing this understanding in your home countries



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Modus operandi:

- Introductory presentations on the Draft Model Legislative texts by the experts
- Discussions & drafting on specific topics by sub-groups and preparation of suggestions
- Reporting by sub-groups, and plenary discussion of sub-groups' suggestions and agreement on final proposals
- Plenary discussion on the way forward
- At each stage: **Q&A, comments** - your involvement is essential
- After the event: finalization of the documents by the experts taking account of the workshop discussions



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Your workplan for the future – key elements:

- **Follow-up to the current workshop:** disseminate the WG proposals on Model legislative texts (& the Policy Guidelines on which these are based) in your countries to promote understanding & support, particularly by your relevant senior country authorities
- **Support & participate in the country transposition process** during Phase II of the project



... Submit letter of request to ITU's BDT Director for HIPCAR support in Phase II of the Project

THANK YOU

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