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Regional Training Workshop for the Caribbean « ITU Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Indicators »

Gros Islet (St. Lucia), 24-27 February 2014



The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in partnership with the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL), the Ministry for Public Service, Information and Broadcasting of St. Lucia is conducting a **Regional Training Workshop on Information and Communication Technology Indicators** to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014, in Gros Islet, St. Lucia. The workshop is organized by Telecommunication Development Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with, and supported by the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (ECTEL).

The objective of the workshop is to strengthen the capacity of countries in the region to produce national statistics and indicators on telecommunications and ICT. The workshop is intended for and therefore welcomes participants who are responsible for collecting and/or producing such statistics in ministries, regulatory agencies and national statistical offices. The workshop will present an overview of the work on ICT measurement undertaken globally by the ICT Data and Statistics Division, ITU/BDT, including the ICT Development Index and the ICT Price Basket; discuss the main groups of telecommunication/ICT indicators collected by ITU, their definitions and methodological issues; the dissemination and harmonization of ICT data at the international level; data collection/ITU guestionnaires; ITU manuals; as well as mechanisms for the national coordination of ICT statistics. Also, the participants will have the opportunity to share the experience of their countries in the collection, harmonization and coordination of telecommunication/ICT indicators.

ITU assists governments in developing countries in their ICT data collection and dissemination efforts. Support is provided for the production of statistics in the areas of ICT infrastructure, access, and use by household and individuals. Technical workshops are carried out at the national and regional levels to exchange experiences and discuss methodologies, definitions, survey vehicles and other issues related to the collection of ICT statistics.

Also at these workshops, like this one being convened in St. Lucia, the ITU helps guide countries in their data collection efforts, in the area of ICT infrastructure and access indicators included in the ITU Handbook for the Collection of Administrative Data on Telecommunications/ICT, and collected from administrative sources.