

# ITU Regional Development Forum for Americas (RDF-AMS)

## Accelerating the digital development in the Americas

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Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-AMS P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

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## CONTRIBUTION FORM

**ORGANIZATION:** Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)

**FOCAL POINT:** Rodney Taylor, Secretary General, [rodney.taylor@ctu.int](mailto:rodney.taylor@ctu.int), (868) 628-0281

**TITLE:** Single Regional ICT Regulatory Framework/Caribbean Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:** [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

The Caribbean region comprises multiple countries and territories, each with their own telecommunications and ICT regulatory framework. The lack of harmonisation and coordination among these frameworks has led to inefficiencies, inconsistencies and barriers to entry for telecommunications companies, hindering economic growth and development.

This project aims to restructure, properly resource and empower the CTU to drive the process of transition and to be the regional hub for policy, legislative and regulatory research and development, as well as technological and business innovation. Using an expanded model of the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL), a proof-of-concept timetable of the single regulatory authority for a converged ICT, telecoms, media and broadcasting sector can be created with appropriate National Regulatory Authorities. The CTU aims to achieve this through phased collaboratory work with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the CARICOM Secretariat, ECTEL, and national regulatory authorities to develop the CARICOM Single ICT Space.

The first phase is one of assessment, in which the current ICT regulatory regimes are determined, and gaps and inconsistencies identified. Recommendations, for a harmonised regulatory framework in the Caribbean, will then be prepared. These recommendations will promote efficiency, fair competition, innovation, investment and consumer protection in the telecommunications and ICT sector, while considering international best practices and the specific needs and state-of-affairs of the region.

The second phase focuses on structure and implementation. During this phase the governance arrangement, structure, roles, responsibilities and mandate of the oversight regulatory body will be prepared. This oversight body will execute the harmonised regulatory framework developed.

**COUNTRIES in FOCUS:** [Name countries to be impacted by this action]



Anguilla	Antigua and Barbuda	Bahamas	Barbados	Belize
Bermuda	British Virgin Islands	Cayman Islands	Dominica	
Jamaica	Grenada	Guyana	Montserrat	St. Lucia
Suriname	St. Kitts and Nevis	St. Vincent and the Grenadines		
Trinidad and Tobago	Turks and Caicos Islands			

**YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ 2023

☒ 2024

☒ 2025

**RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ AMS1: Infrastructure deployment (DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN, RESILIENT, SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE TELECOMMUNICATION/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE)

☐ AMS2: Digital Inclusion and skills development (ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION OF DIGITAL-LITERACY, DIGITAL-SKILLS AND DIGITAL-INCLUSION PROGRAMMES, ESPECIALLY AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS)

☐ AMS3: Digital transformation and innovation ecosystems (EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH SCALABLE, FUNDED AND SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIVITY PROJECTS)

☒ AMS4: Enabling Policy and Regulatory environments (DEVELOPMENT OF ENABLING POLICY AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTS TO CONNECT THE UNCONNECTED THROUGH ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES)

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22,

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/RI-projects-2023-2025.aspx>

**RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022**
☐ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

☒ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☐ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☐ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, [here](#).



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**RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022**

- ☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services
- ☐ International telecommunication numbering resources
- ☐ Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services
- ☐ Digital applications
- X ☐ Enabling environment

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