



ITU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM FOR AMERICAS (RDF-AMS 26)

**Universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity for
an inclusive and sustainable digital future**

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CONTRIBUTION FORM

This form is intended to collect inputs from stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the Baku Action Plan and the ITU Regional Initiatives for Americas (2026-2029).

ORGANIZATION: Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)

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TITLE: Regional Sovereign Satellite Connectivity for Caribbean Resilience, Inclusion and Digital Transformation – The CARISAT Project

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The CTU proposes to contribute to the Baku Action Plan and the ITU Regional Initiatives for the Americas 2026-2029 through the CARICOM Strategic Cooperation for Regional Sovereign Satellite Connectivity (CARISAT) Project, a regional initiative designed to strengthen connectivity, resilience and sovereignty through a coordinated Caribbean approach to satellite communications.

CARISAT responds to the Caribbean's persistent connectivity and resilience challenges, including dispersed geography, small market size, vulnerable infrastructure, high exposure to hurricanes and other climate-related hazards, and the need to ensure continuity of critical services during and after disasters. Satellite communications are increasingly relevant to universal and meaningful connectivity, emergency telecommunications, cellular backhaul, maritime and aeronautical connectivity, disaster recovery and the resilience of critical public services. However, regional efforts remain fragmented, with no harmonized framework to guide policy, regulation, investment, partnerships or implementation.

The proposed action will build on CTU's ongoing work in space connectivity, spectrum management, digital transformation and disaster resilience, including engagement through the Caribbean Spectrum Management Task Force, regional and international policy processes, and partnerships with satellite operators and development partners. It will also strengthen cooperation with relevant regional agencies and stakeholders in disaster management, meteorology, security, telecommunications regulation and digital development. Furthermore it will leverage a phased approach comprising a regional assessment and preparatory exercise across at least five CTU Member States; resource mobilization, governance arrangements and phased implementation, including partnership development, financing arrangements and

support for coordinated satellite connectivity deployments across participating Member States; and operations and sustainability through monitoring and evaluation, capacity-building, technical support, resource optimization and long-term regional cooperation.

CARISAT directly supports Resolution 77 (Rev. Baku, 2025) on broadband technology and applications, particularly its recognition of satellite systems, including LEO, MEO and GEO, as tools for addressing isolation and inadequate conventional network coverage. It also contributes to Resolution 11 (Rev. Baku, 2025) on telecommunications/ICT services in rural, isolated, unserved and underserved areas; Resolution 34 (Rev. Baku, 2025) on telecommunications/ICTs in disaster preparedness, early warning, rescue, mitigation, relief and response; Resolution 37 (Rev. Baku, 2025) on bridging the digital divide; Resolution 89 (Rev. Baku, 2025) on digital transformation for sustainable development; and Resolution 16 (Rev. Baku, 2025) on special actions for SIDS.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS:

Caribbean SIDS and CTU Member States: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominica, French Guiana, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands.

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:

- ☒ 2026
- ☒ 2027
- ☒ 2028
- ☒ 2029

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:

- ☒ AMS1: Facilitating resilient infrastructure to enable deployment of universal and meaningful connectivity
- ☒ AMS2: Digital inclusion, digital skills/competencies
- ☒ AMS3: Support for innovative digital ecosystems and the adoption and use of emerging technologies
- ☐ AMS4: Promoting cyber resilience and capacity building in cybersecurity and cyber resilience
- ☒ AMS5: Governance and enabling regulatory frameworks for sustainable digital transformation

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2025

- ☒ Affordable connectivity
- ☒ Digital Transformation
- ☒ Enabling policy and regulatory environment
- ☒ Resource mobilization and international cooperation
- ☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

RELATED PARTNERS2CONNECT FOCUS AREAS

- ☒ Focus Area 1 – ACCESS: Connecting people everywhere
- ☒ Focus Area 2 – ADOPTION: Empowering communities
- ☒ Focus Area 3 – VALUE CREATION: Building digital ecosystems
- ☒ Focus Area 4 – ACCELERATE: Incentivizing investments

RELATED WSIS ACTION LINE:

- ☒ C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
- ☒ C2: Information and communication infrastructure
- ☒ C3: Access to information and knowledge
- ☒ C4: Capacity building
- ☒ C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- ☒ C6: Enabling environment
- ☒ C7: ICT applications
- ☐ C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- ☐ C9: Media
- ☐ C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society
- ☒ C11: International and regional cooperation

RELATED GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT:

- ☒ 1: Close all digital divides and accelerate progress across the Sustainable Development Goals
- ☒ 2: Expand inclusion in and benefits from the digital economy for all
- ☒ 3: Foster an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital space that respects, protects and promote human rights
- ☒ 4: Advance responsible, equitable and interoperable data governance approaches
- ☐ 5: Enhance international governance of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity

RELATED SDG:

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| ☒ SDG 1: No Poverty | ☐ SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation |
| ☐ SDG 2: Zero Hunger | ☐ SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy |
| ☐ SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being | ☐ SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth |
| ☒ SDG 4: Quality Education | |
| ☐ SDG 5: Gender Equality | |

☒ SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

☒ SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

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☒ SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

☐ SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

☒ SDG 13: Climate Action

☐ SDG 14: Life Below Water

☐ SDG 15: Life on Land

☒ SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

☒ SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs