

ITU-EC HIPCAR Project

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

Presentation at the

Project Planning Meeting

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Agenda

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Background

- Effectively functioning ICT sector is a key driver for development, growth and employment
- Global ITU/EC project (funded by EU): Support for the establishment of harmonized policies for the ICT market in the ACP Group of States
- Composed of 3 regional sub-projects addressing specific needs:

Sub-projects	Acronym	Duration
1. Support for harmonization of the ICT Policies in Sub-Sahara Africa	HIPSSA	3 years
2. Enhancing competitiveness in the Caribbean through the harmonization of ICT Policies, Legislation and Regulatory Procedures	HIPCAR	3 years
3. Capacity Building and ICT Policy, Regulatory and Legislative Frameworks Support for Pacific Island States	ICB4PIS	2 years
<i>Project management (S. Bazzanella, ITU HQ)</i>		4 years

- Caribbean context: Caribbean Single Market & Economy (CSME)
 Liberalization of services sector
 CARICOM Connectivity Agenda
 WSIS and MDGs



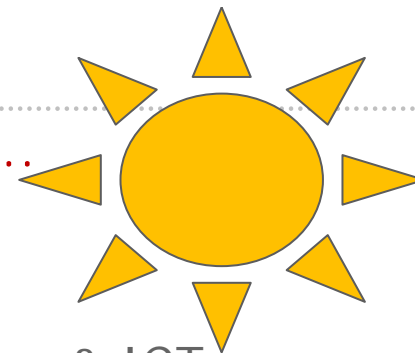
Project objective

- 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
 - Aim: to enhance competitiveness and socio-economic and cultural development in the Caribbean region

Harmonization involves promoting the development of consistent and coherent ICT policies, legislation and regulations across countries – in this case, throughout the Caribbean – that facilitate market integration, foster investment in improved ICT capabilities and services, and enhance the protection of ICT consumers' interests across the region.

Project partner organizations

Involvement from the start...



Country-level organisations

- Bodies responsible for ICT policy and regulation
- Organisations representing the ICT service industry & ICT consumers
- Organisations responsible for ICT capacity development (CoEs, etc.)

Regional & international organisations

- CARICOM Secretariat
- Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)
- Organization of Caribbean Utilities Regulators (OOCUR)
- Caribbean Centre for development Administration (CARICAD)
- Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
- Caribbean Association of National Telecommunications Organizations (CANTO)
- Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL)
- Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA)
- International organizations e.g. UNDP, UNECLAC, UNESCO
- European Commission



Project implementation – two stages...

I) **Regional development stage:** Preparing proposals for regional guidelines on ICT policies, legislation & regulations based on best practices & country experiences

II) **Country implementation stage:** Transposition of these guidelines into national policies, laws & regulations, including capacity building

Project implementation (cont'd)

I) Regional development stage

- a) Starts with a Planning Meeting to validate project areas, set priorities & define assistance requirements

Proposed project areas:

Model ICT Policy
Legislative Framework
Regulatory Framework



- Universal Service Framework
- Licensing Guidelines/Models
- Interconnection Guidelines/Models
- Spectrum Management
- Numbering Management
- ICT Applications
- Cybersecurity

- b) Gathering of information, situation analysis & assessment
- c) Development and approval of roadmap with timeframes
- d) Formulation, validation & endorsement of regional guidelines for country ICT policies, legislation & regulations

Planning Meeting HIPCAR Project

Venue: Grenada, 15-16 December 2008

Objectives:

- Formally present the HIPCAR project to stakeholders
- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to identify the main areas of regional focus and the priorities for the project
- Identify relevant resources and technical cooperation requirements in the region
- Finalise the project's scope and workplan, including deliverables at the regional and country levels
- Determine the project implementation modalities and mechanisms for stakeholders' participation & ownership, including the identification of project teams and contact points for each country



Project implementation (cont'd)

II) Country implementation stage

- a) Adaptation of the regional guidelines to country conditions
- b) Assistance in the implementation of the country policies, legislation and regulations
- c) Training and other capacity building activities

Proposed modalities of implementation

➔ Focus on regional/country ownership

I) Regional development stage:

- Project team
- Regional organizations
- Country teams

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Etc...	
Ctry A					Country A coordinator / ICT champion
Ctry B					
Ctry C					
Etc...					
	Area 1 regional coordinator				

Policy & regulatory bodies
Service prov.
User groups

II) Country implementation stage:

Ctry A					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transposition ▪ Capacity building
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Country team is supported by regional bodies & by the project team

Critical issues for project success

- **Country commitment** / political will for collective action -> contribution of resources
- **Regional institutions** -> ready to provide support (expertise, experience) to the project in their areas of concentration
- **Project team** -> specialist expertise with good understanding of the Caribbean context

THANK YOU

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