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**Invitation to the Caribbean ICT Roadshow and**

**9th Caribbean Internet Governance Forum, Curaçao**

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union in collaboration with the Bureau Telecommunicatie en Post (BTP), will be jointly holding a Caribbean ICT Roadshow and the 9th Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (CIGF) in Curacao from 9th to 11th September 2013. You are kindly invited to participate in these events.

The Caribbean ICT Roadshow is an initiative of the CTU which is designed to demonstrate the power and potential of information and communication technologies (ICT) to foster development and transform societies and economies. The Caribbean ICT Roadshow first visited Curacao in 2009 and had as its focus, the development of a national ICT Plan. This second edition of the Roadshow will focus on ICT in commerce, education, health and finance and will feature again ICT innovation and focus on the youth.

The theme of the 9th CIGF is Building the Internet Economy and the feature session will focus on expanding critical internet infrastructure by proliferating Caribbean IXPs and developing strategies for growing them. Issues pertaining to security of networks and intellectual property will be considered in technical and non-technical sessions. There would also be two workshops dedicated to presenting opportunities for creating content industries and to highlighting new business models for the Internet economy. A session of the 9th CIGF will be dedicated to finalizing Issue 2.0 of the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework, a draft of which is already available for comment on the CTU web site at <http://www.ctu.int/internet-governance>.

We look forward to your participation and ask that you visit the CTU web site <http://ctu.int> for links to further information on the event programmes, registration, accommodation etc. Note that these details will be progressively updated over the coming days as various confirmations are received.

Sincerely,

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