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TO: All CANTO Members & Business Partners

RE: Invitation to 24th Annual Conference and Trade Exhibition on Connect the Caribbean

On behalf of The Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organizations, we are extending an invitation to you, to attend our **24th Annual Conference and Trade Exhibition from the 13th-16th of July, 2008 and our 2nd Annual Human Resource Training & Best Practices Conference scheduled for 17th – 18th of July 2008 at the Atlantis Hotel, Paradise Island, Bahamas.**

This Premier Telecommunication Conference is being hosted in partnership with The Bahamas Telecommunications Company and will focus on “Connect the Caribbean” (CTC). In keeping with this theme we have scheduled a roundtable discussion of Caribbean Telecommunication/ICT Ministers and Member CEOs to obtain commitment and channel the advancement of this Project for the region. Formal invitations are being extended to all Telecommunications/ICT Ministers; however, we do need your participation in this event and assistance in order to make this landmark event a success.

CANTO’s theme of “*Caribbean Unity through Connectivity*” celebrates the similarities among the telecommunications sector and seeks to address the differences. CANTO believes that the principles underpinning a connected Caribbean include a shared vision for Caribbean development and the advancement of the region’s people. A connected Caribbean is one in which its people, institutions and systems are connected through the strengthening of physiological ties, economic ties and knowledge sharing. A connected Caribbean implies pervasive affordable broadband internet connectivity and the application of ICT.

The goals of CANTO 2008 are to utilize existing resources; share best practices and to assist each Telco achieve its respective objectives as a Caribbean unit. CANTO will play a pivotal role in facilitating the integration of ideas policies and technical and technological knowhow across operators to foster a stronger and more effective Telecommunications sector to the benefit of all Caribbean nationals as well as survival for the Telcos in an ever increasing competitive global market place

Full members of CANTO are granted free registration for all your employees. Members are also encouraged to participate in the five Working Committees of the Board (Communications and Marketing, New and Emerging Technology, Financial Advisory, Disaster Recovery Preparedness and Human Resources). Added value and visibility can also be obtained for your company by speaking, networking, advertising and sponsoring at this premier event. /2.....

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Don't miss this great opportunity to **learn** from the **sharpest minds in the industry**, view product and services from innovation leaders, or **network with telecom experts** from around the world, by having a delegation from your Marketing, Purchasing, Customer Service, and Engineering departments accompany you to CANTO 2008.

Please visit <http://www.canto.org> and click on the conference logo for more information and to register online.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact us as follows:

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We look forward to welcoming you and your delegation in the Bahamas. Your continued support and active participation will make this 24th Annual Conference & Trade Exhibition on Connect the Caribbean, one of our most successful events.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Fräser", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Regenie Fräser
Secretary General