



Report of 2nd DRP Committee Emergency Conference Call to discuss Haiti

MEETING CALLED BY	DRP Chairman, Mr. Howard Mollison
TYPE OF MEETING	Conference Call
PURPOSE OF MEETING	To evaluate and determine what CANTO can do to support Haiti in restoring their telecommunications infrastructure.
CHAIR	Howard Mollison. Committee Chair
ATTENDEES	<p>Mr. Howard Mollison, LIME Jamaica Mr. Angus Steele, LIME St. Vincent & The Grenadines Ms. Regenie Fraser, Secretary General CANTO Mr. Julian Wilkins, Digicel Trinidad Mr. Tellis Symonette, The Bahamas Telecommunications Co. Ltd. Mr. Eduardo Ramirez, Vicepresidente de Operaciones de la Red, ETECSA, Cuba Mr. Otto García, Director de Intervención de la Red - ETECSA, Cuba Mr. Nelson Benitez, Director de Relaciones Internacionales en funciones, ETECSA, Cuba Ms. Belkis Matheu, Especialista de Relaciones Internacionales, ETECSA, Cuba Ms. Beatriz Pino-Diaz, Especialista Principal Dirección de Negociación y Compras, ETECSA, Cuba Ms. Lucia Cabrera-Jones, Interpreter, Trinidad Ms. Teresa Wankin, CANTO Ms. Gloria Manzano, CANTO Ms. Gail Edwards, CANTO</p>
DATE	18 th January 2010

The call started at approximately 11:05 am and ended at 12.00 noon with the above attendees.

The items discussed, actions and resource persons are outlined as follows:

Item	Discussion/Action	Status
Overall comments	The chairman expressed thanks to those in attendance and thanked the Secretary General for organizing the meeting.	
Status of CANTO actions to date	<p>The Caribbean Representative of the ITU, Mr. Phillip Cross and Mr. George Kelly, of LIME Jamaica are currently in the Dominican Republic en route to Haiti to assess the situation and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deploy 60 satellite phones to supporting aid agencies 2. Install two Mobile Call Centres 3. Install six Contact Centres <p>Haiti will have 75% service coverage once all is operational</p> <p>Mr. Ramirez of ETECSA thanked CANTO for the opportunity to be part of the team for the recovery efforts in Haiti. He stated that he would first have to present an emergency plan to his company and once the assessment is completed and information is released, they will be able to devise a plan to assist with restoring Haiti.</p> <p>The Secretary General indicated that a special meeting will be held on Haiti at the AGM in Guyana, on Monday 1st February 8-10 am.</p> <p>Several members have indicated their interest in supporting relief efforts undertaken by CANTO.</p> <p>GSI will provide four Globalstar mobile SAT phones. All the phones will be sent to Mr. Mollison of LIME Jamaica who will arrange to forward to Haiti.</p>	

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Contact with Digicel	<p>Mr. Wilkins thanked the Secretary General for co-ordinating this initiative.</p> <p>Update from Digicel.</p> <p>All of Digicel's three switches, which serve the entire country, are operational. One is damaged but an interim solution has been put in place until new equipment arrives. 70% of the network's cell sites are on air. They are working on restoring service to the remaining 30%.</p> <p>Update on relief efforts on the ground. An assessment of what network equipment is required has been completed & new equipment and more technicians are en route to Haiti. Digicel has also assembled a 110,000lb cargo of medical supplies, food and water ready to go to Haiti from Jamaica.</p>	
Invitation to Partners	<p>None of the Members of the committee were able to reach CANTO Member HAITEL for a preliminary assessment. Mr. Symonette of Bahamas Telecommunications Co. Ltd. stated that the network of Telecom d'Haiti is down. He indicated that they have a working relationship with them and as soon as they get information he would release to the committee.</p> <p>Mr. Ray Bulengo of WireIE expressed interest to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement a portable Wimax/Wifi network that is self contained - Build a transportable source of electric power for the Wimax network and satellite earth station, if available – via renewable energy (solar or wind). <p>Representatives of WireIE will meet with representatives of ETECSA this week in Cuba to discuss collaboration.</p>	
Next Emergency Meeting	<p>The next emergency meeting of the DRP committee is scheduled for Friday 22nd January 11:00 a.m. ECT (11.a.m. in Trinidad). Please visit the link below and select your location for the correct time.</p> <p>http://www.worldtimeserver.com/convert_time_in_TT.aspx?y=2010&mo=1&d=15&h=11&min=0</p>	
Contact with Telecom Companies in Dominican Republic	<p>Ms. Beatriz Pino-Diaz of ETECSA will contact the relevant operators in the Dominican Republic to get information on their activities in Haiti.</p>	